

STARS AND STRIPES®

stripes.com

Volume 73, No. 117 ©SS 2014

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

平成26年4月5日 第三種郵便物認可 日刊(土日除く)
発行所: 星条旗新聞社 〒116-0032 東京都港区六本木7丁目23番17号 定価 ¥50

50¢/Free to Deployed Areas



35 years after landing in the Pacific for the first time, F-15 still proves to be 'viable to the fight' | Page 3

U.S. Air Force F-15 Eagles from the 67th Fighter Squadron fly a training mission on Thursday over the Pacific Ocean outside Kadena Air Base, Japan. The F-15 is celebrating 35 years at Kadena on Monday.

STEPHANY RICHARDS/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Blast in Afghan capital sparks concern ahead of Ghani's inauguration

By SLOBODAN LEXIK
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan—A small explosion under a military vehicle in the diplomatic quarter here raised jitters ahead of Monday's inauguration of Afghanistan's new president, Ashraf Ghani.

The Sunday morning blast, caused by a magnetic device attached to the underside of a truck, injured the driver, authorities said. It prompted concern that Taliban insurgents would seek to disrupt the swearing-in ceremony. Ghani will replace current President Hamid Karzai after a

contentious monthslong election process.

The explosion came despite a massive security operation in Kabul before the inauguration, in which schools, universities and government offices were closed.

Ghani, 65, will be sworn in as Afghanistan's second president since the ouster of the Taliban in a U.S.-led invasion after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Karzai has served out his second term and was barred by the constitution from standing in this year's presidential ballot.

SEE CONCERN ON PAGE 2



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Members of Afghanistan's security forces walk around the site of an explosion on a road to the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday.

Analysts say Air-Sea Battle concept could be risky in a possible conflict with China

By ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam—While the United States may welcome China's peaceful rise, last week's Valiant Shield exercise over the western Pacific Ocean plainly showed that Washington is hedging its bets on the "peaceful" part.

The U.S. military training brought 18,000 U.S. service-members together to fight a sophisticated enemy trying to block U.S. access to international waters and airspace.

Exercise officials scrupulously avoided any indication

that this imagined enemy was any particular nation. Such is the diplomatic dance involved with China, America's second-largest trading partner behind Canada. However, China is the only nation in the Asia-Pacific region building the large-scale type of "anti-access, area-denial" capability that exercise participants fought against.

The exercise tested the Air-Sea Battle concept, a set of tactics that first blinds an enemy's communications in space and cyberspace, then destroys land- and sea-based weapons platforms.

SEE BATTLE ON PAGE 6

WAR ON TERRORISM

Obama admits the US misjudged Iraqi army, underestimated militants

Page 8

EUROPE

Navy disbands medical unit at Landstuhl as casualties dwindle

Page 5

GOLF

Europe beats US for third straight Ryder Cup victory

Page 29



World: At least 30 feared dead after volcano erupts in Japan » Page 12

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Too many young men of color feel targeted by law enforcement — guilty of walking while black or driving while black, judged by stereotypes that fuel fear and resentment and hopelessness."

— President Barack Obama, speaking of a widespread mistrust of law enforcement in U.S. communities

See story on Page 9

TOP CLICKS ON STRIPES.COM

The most popular stories
on our website:

1. Yokota braces for fallout from volcano eruption
2. Bonhomme Richard ensign gets 14 months for fraternizing, sex videos
3. North Korea tells UN it's ready to discuss human rights
4. Islamic State fight could breathe new life into the A-10
5. More countries agree to join America's fight against Islamic extremists

COMING SOON

Wired
World

New
Apple
encryption
locks out
police from
iPhones,
iPads



TODAY IN STRIPES

American Roundup	16
Business	18
Classified	19, 22
Comics	13
Crossword	13
Faces	15
Opinion	20-21
Science & Medicine	14
Sports	23-32
Weather	18

WAR/MILITARY

Concern: Already tight security heightens before ceremony

FROM FRONT PAGE

Monday's ceremony will also see the naming of Abdullah Abdullah, 54, a former foreign minister and runner-up in the election, to the newly created position of chief executive, a post similar to prime minister.

Abdullah and Ghani had been locked in an acrimonious, five-month-long deadlock over the results of the election, which has been described as being marred by "industrial-scale" fraud.

In a U.S.-sponsored compromise, the two agreed last week to share power in a government of national unity.

Both have pledged to immediately sign a bilateral security agreement with the United States that would allow nearly 10,000 U.S. servicemembers — mainly advisers and counterterrorism teams — to remain in the country after the withdrawal of all NATO combat troops in December. Afghan government officials and foreign diplomats said the accord likely would be signed Tuesday.

About 1,400 Afghan and foreign guests have been invited to the ceremony, which is to be held in the heavily guarded presidential compound, government officials said.

On Sunday, the White House announced that John Podesta, counselor to President Barack Obama, would lead the U.S. delegation. It was not immediately clear who would represent other foreign governments.

Plainclothes intelligence agents, as well as thousands of police officers and army troops, will be deployed to prevent Taliban insurgents from disrupting the ceremony.

Security ahead of the ceremony was tight even by the heavily militarized standards of Kabul, where massive blast walls and convoys of armored vehicles are a common sight and where hundreds of police officers armed with automatic rifles routinely patrol the streets.

The inauguration has been declared a public holiday, and schools and government offices have been closed in an attempt to ease the capital's notorious traffic jams. Major roads in the city of 5 million people were closed, while



JAD SLEIMAN/Stars and Stripes

Afghan flags line Airport Road in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday ahead of Monday's presidential inauguration ceremony.

helicopters clattered overhead.

Still, the capital had a festive air, with major thoroughfares and traffic circles festooned with Afghan flags.

Municipal workers have been cleaning the highway between the airport and the presidential palace and decorating it with large black, red and green national flags.

Workers also were busy watering roadside plants and removing old campaign posters of the rival camps.

Many Kabul residents said they were delighted that the inauguration was finally to take place. There had been concerns that tensions over the election could spark violence between the two camps.

"There was a hopelessness before the sign-

ing of the political deal. No one knew what would happen. But now it looks like the problems are solved," said Ahmad Shoiib, a fruit vendor who was watching the preparations.

Sardar Sahak, a visitor from eastern Nimgahar province, said that Afghanistan was more stable since the power-sharing agreement between Ghani and Abdullah, but that the situation was still "not good."

"We hoped that we will have a very strong elected government" he said. "Now the government is formed through a deal, not through the votes of people, so there may be problems in the future between the two leaders."

Zubair Babakarkhail contributed to this report. leikic.slobodan@stripes.com

Officials: US drone strike kills 4 in Pakistan

The Associated Press

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan — A U.S. drone strike killed four suspected militants Sunday in a northwestern tribal region in Pakistan along the Afghan border, intelligence officials and Taliban fighters said.

Those killed included two Arab militants and two of their local allies in a compound in the town of Wana in South Waziristan, the two officials and three Taliban fighters said.

All of them spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to journalists. Authorities don't allow foreign journalists into Pakistan's tribal areas, which have long been a safe haven for local and al-Qaida-linked foreign militants.

Pakistan's army largely cleared militants from South Waziristan in a 2009 operation, but militants still maintain a presence in its pockets, especially in its rugged terrain and thick forests.

Soldiers and Pakistan's air

force now are fighting militants in North Waziristan in an operation that began in June.

U.S. drone strikes are widely unpopular in Pakistan, where many consider them a violation of the country's sovereignty that also have killed civilians. But Washington has long relied on them to take out the militants in areas where Pakistan's army won't deploy.

The U.S. does not comment on the strikes, which are carried out by the CIA.

On Sept. 24, a suspected American drone strike killed 10 alleged militants in the region that's also home to Afghan militant groups, including the Haqqani network, which attacks U.S. and allied NATO troops in Afghanistan.

The Pakistani Taliban also has strong presence in the tribal areas. It has been waging a war on the state in a bid to overthrow the government and install their own brand of harsh Islamic law, killing tens of thousands of people.

Subscribers Know the VALUE
of Getting STARS AND STRIPES.
Delivered at Home.

To get content that matters delivered to your door -
and save some real money, visit subscribe.stripes.com for
details or email Europe:CustomerService@stripes.com
Pacific:CustomerHelp@stripes.com



PACIFIC



U.S. Air Force F-15 Eagles from the 67th Fighter Squadron fly a training mission over the Pacific Ocean outside Kadena Air Base, Japan.

STEPHANY RICHARDS/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

'Still viable to the fight'

35 years after their arrival at Kadena Air Base, F-15 fighters remain potent

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Capt. Jonathan Mahan is the stereotypical fighter pilot: calm, confident, with a steely gaze and a sharp sense of humor. He has a cool nickname and a mustache so perfectly groomed that it would make "Top Gun" character Goose proud.

However, being an F-15 pilot in the 67th Fighter Squadron's Fighting Cocks — one of two storied squadrons stationed at Kadena Air Base, Japan — couldn't be further from a cliche.

Its members constantly train to keep their combat skills sharp in case they are called upon by their Japanese allies to defend the island nation or maintain air superiority in the Asia-Pacific.

Monday marks the 35th anniversary of the tactical fighters' arrival on Okinawa, and despite the aircraft's age, upgrades have continued to make it one of the most reliable platforms in the U.S. air arsenal.

"It's the best at what it does," Mahan said of the McDonnell Douglas Corp. fighter. "It can perform well with just about anything today. We're training against stuff that's being built right now."

For Mahan — dubbed "River" for his Texas hold 'em poker luck — being an F-15C Eagle fighter pilot is a dream come true.

"It's like an old muscle car," Mahan said affectionately. "It handles pretty awesome. It can keep up with pretty much everything you can throw at it."

Threats

The Asia-Pacific is like a high-stakes game of poker, with allies like Japan and South Korea sitting at a table with potential adversaries like North Korea, China and Russia. There's a lot at stake, so the Fighting Cocks and their comrades in the 44th Fighter Squadron are constantly training for combat.

"I don't think everyone realizes that here in Okinawa, we're in everyone's backyard," Mahan said.

Lt. Col. William Denham, the 67th Fighter Squadron commander, said the threats in the region are real.

"If I think if you look at East Asia altogether and the potentials for conflict that you see in the news ... there is a huge potential for conflict in this area, so the U.S. presence here with the Air Force and our joint partners makes a big difference in providing stability," he said. "So there's not one specific threat we're concerned about; there's a number of them."

The F-15's age certainly hasn't made it any less potent over the years.



MATTHEW M. BURKE/Stars and Stripes

Air Force Capt. Jonathan "River" Mahan, of the 67th Fighter Squadron, pauses for a moment atop his F-15C Eagle at Kadena Air Base.

"We like to talk about our air-to-air combat record in the F-15 being 104-0, and that is a record that no other aircraft in history has ever had," Denham said. "We have continued to upgrade it, so especially with our radar today and the modern weapons that we carry, it is still an extremely lethal airplane."

The standard payload for the \$29.9 million F-15C on a combat sortie is six AIM-120 AMRAAM missiles and two AIM-9 Sidewinder heat-seeking missiles, in addition to an internally mounted canon, according to Air Force fact sheets.

History

The first F-15A flight came in July 1972, according to Air Force histories. Four years later, the first Eagle destined for a combat squadron was delivered.

On Sept. 29, 1979, 18 F-15Cs from the 1st Tactical Fighter Wing at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia arrived at Kadena for the 67th Fighter Squadron, whose history in combat stretches back to Guadalcanal, Korea and Vietnam.

The base newspaper exclaimed, the "F-15 Eagle is landing."

Since then, the Eagle has proudly maintained air superiority in the Asia-Pacific, eventually giving way largely to Japanese Air Self-Defense Force F-15 pilots, who currently fly the

intercepts of foreign aircraft infringing on Japanese airspace.

Now, the Kadena jets are what Mahan calls the "break glass in case of emergency" option.

The Fighting Cocks work in close concert with the Japanese. Deployments have ranged from Singapore to the Mideast to Florida in recent years, Mahan said.

Next month, they will be on the Japanese mainland for exercises with the JASDF pilots. They will also train with them on Guam in February.

The reliable choice

Throughout history, new fighter models have rolled off stateside assembly lines seemingly every few years, depending on the day's technology, wars and threats, according to outgoing Kadena historian Casey Connell.

However, thanks

to its reliability as a maneuverable bomber and fighter, as well as timely upgrades, the F-15E always remained the go-to aircraft to maintain air superiority.

"What's interesting is the evolution of fighter aircraft in U.S. history," Connell said. "For the F-15 to last 35 years of service is pretty remarkable."

Mahan likes the F-15 because there are a lot fewer automatic systems than in the newer aircraft, so finesse makes flying it an art form. When he buckles in, he feels like the fighter becomes an extension of his body as he reaches speeds of upward of Mach 2 and heights of 50,000 feet.

Denham likes the Eagle because it is easy to fly and has high survivability in combat. He described how an Israeli F-15 had a wing almost entirely sheared off in a midair collision in the 1980s and was still able to land.

"As far as a combat survivable airplane, it is hands-down probably the best design that we still come up with, and it's been tested in combat," he said.

The Fighting Cocks currently hold the Air Force's Raytheon Trophy, which is awarded annually to the top-ranked air superiority and air defense squadron. Participants are graded on a multitude of factors, from mission performance to inspection results.

Despite the rise and rollout of the F-22 Raptor and the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the F-15 Eagle isn't going anywhere anytime soon. It will remain an Air Force fixture for at least another 10 years and possibly even longer, according to Air Force fact sheets and members of the Fighting Cocks.

"There are a lot of new platforms," Denham said.

"No one expected the F-15 to be around this long, but the longer they continue to test the airframe and do in-depth analysis, they've continued to find that we are still viable to the fight, and where that ends, nobody really knows at this point."

burke.matt@stripes.com

To view video and more photos of squadron operations, go to stripes.com/go/f15fighters



PACIFIC

US: N. Korea nears having mobile long-range missile

By TONY CAPACCIO
AND DAVID LERMAN

By Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — North Korea's military is taking steps to field a road-mobile intercontinental ballistic missile that could threaten the United States, the head of American forces in the Pacific says.

While North Korean leader Kim Jong Un hasn't yet deployed such a missile, "he's showing us the signs that he's trying to get there," said Adam Samuel Locklear, who offered new insight into the steps the isolated nation is taking to field its KN-08 missile.

Locklear discussed North Korean developments in a wide-ranging Bloomberg Government interview Thursday that included the shift of U.S. military assets toward the Asia-Pacific region, relations with Vietnam, the search for the missing Malaysian airliner and China's military modernization.

The missile, which isn't operational yet and is designed to be transported on roads, threatens to change relations between the United States and a nation once feared primarily for its conventional military and fixed long-range intercontinental missiles such as the Taepo-Dong-2, Locklear said.

Locating mobile missiles is

more difficult than keeping an eye on fixed launching sites and requires constant surveillance and efforts to distinguish real weapons from mock-ups, he said.

"Road-mobile systems" decrease the "amount of time you have to deal with it, particularly if you want to deal with it before they launch it," Locklear said, referring to the potential for a pre-emptive strike on a known missile site. Asked how close North Korea is to fielding an operational road-mobile missile, Locklear said it's "hard for us to get an exact assessment of that."

The U.S. has seen only what may be dummy versions of the missiles, along with increased activity around the sites where they would be housed, he said.

"So we watch it very, very carefully and it's kind of just on an upward trajectory of the things that over time can give us concern," he said.

North Korea's conventional military is in decline, Locklear said. Locklear also said the nation's increasing isolation and poverty are causes for concern.

"It is, in my view — among all the security challenges in the world — it's the most dangerous if it goes poorly," he said.

In North Korea "you've got a country" that has put "pictures of mushroom clouds over New York City and Washington," Locklear said.

Locklear said he's concerned that the world "is so tired and worn" out over North Korea's cycles of provoking the U.S. and its allies with missile launches and other military actions that it becomes "anesthetized."

North Korea's missile development, along with concern over Iranian weapons programs, is the principle rationale for the \$34 billion U.S. ground-based missile defense program managed by Chicago-based Boeing, which in June had its first successful interception test since December 2008.

Locklear said fielding the missile defense "against now-emerging road-mobile systems that can threaten our homeland will be a priority — guaranteed."

Greg Thielmann, senior fellow at the Washington-based Arms Control Association and a former State Department intelligence official who follows North Korean missile developments, said "the only thing we can be reasonably confident of at the moment is that the KN-08 ICBM is not ready for deployment."

The Air Force's National Air and Space Intelligence Center said in its latest public report, published last year, that the missile, also known as the Hwasong-13, is estimated to have a maximum range of at least 3,420 miles, far enough to reach Alaska but not the Pacific Northwest.

On other matters, Locklear said it may be time to consider partially lifting a ban on lethal aid to Vietnam as U.S. relations gradually improve.

By ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

Ensign gets prison term in sex video, fraternization case

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A junior officer formerly stationed aboard the USS Bonhomme Richard was sentenced to 14 months of imprisonment after fraternizing with enlisted sailors and making sex videos without his partners' consent, Navy officials said Friday.

Ensign Alexander B. Petit also was dismissed from the Navy during court-martial sentencing in a Yokosuka Naval Base courtroom Thursday.

Petit pleaded guilty to sexual harassment, dereliction of duty, four counts of fraternization with three different women, two counts of indecent acts and two counts of wrongfully endeavoring to impede an investigation.

"Justice was done in this case," said Commander Naval Forces Japan spokesman Cmdr. Ron Flanders. "He violated the trust in his position, and there's no place for officers like this in our Navy."

Fraternization between an officer and an enlisted member is considered harmful to "good order and discipline" under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Of the four fraternization charges, three were based on physical relationships with sailors in pay grades ranging from

'Justice was done in this case. He violated the trust in his position, and there's no place for officers like this in our Navy.'

Cmdr. Ron Flanders
Naval Forces Japan spokesman

E-3 to E-5.

The fourth fraternization charge came after Petit passed a written note to a sailor that was considered "unduly familiar communication," according to Navy officials.

Petit's dereliction-of-duty charge stemmed from an incident in which he was standing watch aboard the Sasebo, Japan-based Bonhomme Richard as the aft safety officer. Petit read a book and fell asleep during his watch, Navy officials said.

After investigators began pursuing the case, Petit impeded the investigation by attempting to persuade one the sailors he fraternized with to cover up the incidents, Flanders said.

slavin.eric@stripes.com
Twitter: @eslavin_stripes

US, Philippine forces to take part in exercise

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Okinawa-based Marines and sailors are taking part in an exercise that is designed to boost the Philippine military's amphibious capabilities.

The PHIBLEX 15 event, which runs Sept. 28-Oct. 10 in the Southeast Asian country, includes a command-post exercise, field training, live-fire practice and humanitarian and civic-assistance projects, according to a Marine Corps statement.

Some 1,200 Filipino troops will be joined by 3,500 Marines and sailors from the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, III Marine Expeditionary Force, the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, a Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force and the Navy's Commander, Task Force 76.

"PHIBLEX will continue to enhance the interoperability between U.S. Navy and Marine Corps forces and their Philippine counterparts with a focus on improving our bilateral response to regional issues and maritime security crises," the statement said.

The exercise comes at a time when the Armed Forces of the Philippines are shifting focus from counterinsurgency operations to external threats.

The island nation, which recently signed an agreement to let U.S. forces and contractors operate out of agreed-upon locations in the Philippines for at least 10 years, has clashed with China over claims to a number of small islands and the resource-rich waters around them.

robson.seth@stripes.com
Twitter: @sethRobson1

KBR

READY FOR A NEW CHALLENGE?

KBR is hosting a JOB FAIR in anticipation of a possible multi-year services contract opportunity for Kuwait Base Operations and Security Support Services K-BOSSS.

KBR is a global leader in the delivery of integrated base life support operations, engineering, construction, logistics, contingency and project management services that military interests of our government in locations around the world. Currently, we are providing life and logistical support for U.S. forces in the Middle East and if you want to be a part of our elite team then attend this event. Also, you can apply online at: KBRjobs.com

We invite you to meet with our KBR representatives:

October 1-2, 2014
• Wednesday October 1
○ 11am – 7pm
• Thursday October 2
○ 8am – 5pm

Hilton Kuwait
P.O. Box 7887 Fahaheel 64009, Ahmadi,
7887, Kuwait

Hiring for all base operations and security service positions:

- Base Operations and Security Services
- Transportation/Logistics/Supply Chain/Fuel
- Vehicle/Equipment/Power Generation Maintenance
- Electrical/Plumbing/HVAC/Carpentry/Welding
- Passenger Service (Military Emergency Leave & R&R)
- MWR/Mail Services
- Management and Administration
 - Site Management, HSE, QA, IT, Finance, HR, Procurement

Hiring Consideration Requirements:
Must apply online at www.KBRjobs.com. Must bring with you to the job fair a valid driver's license and passport, resume, and current licenses/certifications if required for the position you are interested in.

KBR, Inc. is a drug-free workplace and an equal opportunity employer committed to workplace diversity. KBR, Inc. All rights reserved.

EUROPE

Landstuhl medical unit disbanded

Authority of hospital in Germany transferred as casualties dwindle

By MATT MILLHAM
Stars and Stripes

LANDSTUHL, Germany — The Navy on Friday inactivated its expeditionary medical unit at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, a move made largely in response to the dwindling number of American war casualties seen here.

The mission was the longest-running medical mission in the Navy Reserve, said Rear Adm. Thomas E. Beerman, the Navy's assistant deputy surgeon general for reserve affairs, who spoke at a ceremony marking the occasion in the hospital's auditorium.

The Navy Expeditionary Medical Unit ran a portion of Landstuhl that coordinates the movement and care of sick and injured personnel evacuated from places such as Afghanistan, Africa and the Middle East. About half of the unit's members were doctors, surgeons and other specialists who augmented the hospital staff as it dealt with the crush of patients from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Since standing up in 2006, the NEMU received more than 51,000 patients who were airlifted to the hospital — 4,300 of whom were critically injured, said Capt. Donald Sze, the NEMU's last commander. Because it's a sign that fewer troops are getting injured, he said, he sees the shutdown of the NEMU as a good thing.

Still, he was sad to see it go.

Since 2012, the number of casualties treated in a given month has dropped about 50 percent, said Capt. Donald Sze, the NEMU's last commander. Because it's a sign that fewer troops are getting injured, he said, he sees the shutdown of the NEMU as a good thing.



MATT MILLHAM/Stars and Stripes

Soldiers, sailors and airmen at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany sing during a ceremony Friday that marked the end of the Navy Expeditionary Medical Unit at Landstuhl and the transfer of authority to the 4215th U.S. Army Hospital.

There are numerous opportunities to serve with members of other services throughout the military, he said. He noted that Landstuhl is the largest military hospital outside the U.S., describing it as "the mecca for patients to be stabilized and taken care of before going back home."

"So to be able to be involved in this is an honor," he said.

That sentiment was echoed by Col. Jacqueline Bradley, commander of the 4215th U.S. Army Hospital, a reserve unit out of Richmond, Va., that is taking over NEMU's mission at Landstuhl.

Bradley helped unfurl her unit's flag at Landstuhl moments after Sze helped case his. Ahead of its inactivation, NEMU's staff had dropped below 50, Sze said. Bradley's unit comes in with 40 soldiers — fewer than a third of its total strength and a far smaller number than the nearly 350 sailors who staffed the NEMU when it first stood up.

"Now, that's not to say that the numbers aren't going to increase, looking at what's going on in the world right now," Bradley said.

Patients won't likely see much of a difference, she said.

"Taking care of patients is taking care of patients no matter what uniform you're in," she said.

Col. Judith Lee, Landstuhl's commander, said that in the last nine months, 40 percent of the NEMU's sailors received volunteer service medals for each contributing more than 2,000 hours of community service with various organizations in the local community.

Seeing the NEMU leave Landstuhl, she said, is "really, really sad."

"Who knows? With all that's going on in the world, some of you may be back."

millham.matthew@stripes.com
Twitter: @mattmillham

German military struggles with hardware issues

The Associated Press

BERLIN — First a group of German army instructors got stranded in Bulgaria en route to Iraq when their plane malfunctioned.

Then the weapons they were meant to train Kurdish fighters to use got stuck in Germany because a Dutch military plane — brought in because no functioning German aircraft was available — broke down.

As other countries including the United States and France hit Islamic State targets in Syria and Iraq, Germany's army has struggled mightily to conduct the considerably more modest jobs it has taken on. It highlights how far behind other nations Europe's economic powerhouse is when it comes to projecting its military power.

The plane problems were a particular embarrassment for Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen, who had flown to the Kurdish city of Irbil on Thursday to witness the handover of the weapons. By the time Germany's first shipment of rifles, anti-tank weapons and ammunition arrived, she had met Kurdish leaders and left for home again.

German media have cited a confidential report, given to lawmakers on the parliamentary defense committee Wednesday, that listed a series of military hardware problems.

According to the media reports, only 24 out of 43 C-160 transport planes are currently available. The planes, developed 50 years ago, remain the workhorse of the Luftwaffe because their replacement, the Airbus A400M, has been delayed for several years.

The reports also say that just 42 of the Luftwaffe's 109 Eurofighter jets and 38 of its 89 Tornados are ready to fly. The navy acknowledged last week that it couldn't send any of its Sea Lynx helicopters to an international anti-piracy operation because of cracks in the tails.

Munich's daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung reported that 110 of the army's 180 Boxer armored transport vehicles are currently being repaired.

The defense ministry declined to confirm the reports, citing military secrecy.

NOW HIRING



Our exciting new Lexus Military Sales Program is expanding fast and we now need additional Sales Consultants for our showrooms in the KMC and Spangdahlem areas and soon in Stuttgart and Grafenwohr!

If you're currently involved in automobile sales and are looking for a fresh and rewarding new challenge with a company that is firmly established as market leader in the premium segment of US Military

Sales in Europe, then contact us today!

Ambitious, self-motivated individuals preparing to separate from the military and stay in Europe are also welcome. All applicants, with or without sales experience will undergo our dedicated Lexus Customer Experience training program.

Please send your current C.V. to:
personnel@pentagoncarsales.com

EMPLOYED STATUS POSITION

Includes the following:

- German health care.
- Annual paid vacation allotment.
- Guaranteed monthly income.
- Excellent commission plan with monthly performance bonuses.
- Taxes paid at source.

Pentagon Car Sales GmbH
Kindsbacher Str 47
66877 Ramstein-Miesenbach

www.pentagoncarsales.com
personnel@pentagoncarsales.com



PACIFIC

Battle: Doctrine's detractors view it as dangerous concept that could lead to nuclear war

FROM FRONT PAGE

Combatants also attempt to shoot down or otherwise defeat the enemy's deployed weapons.

The Defense Department's 2013 unclassified summary of Air-Sea Battle never mentions China explicitly. However, the Pentagon's annual report to Congress on China's military makes it clear that Beijing is developing the weapons its war planners believe will prevent the U.S. from safely sending its ships into the international waters of the East and South China seas. That would potentially complicate U.S. efforts to defend Taiwan, which China claims.

The U.S. also has alliances and agreements with some of China's neighbors, a few of whom are entangled in territorial disputes with Beijing.

The Air-Sea Battle concept, which became official doctrine in 2010 and now has a dedicated Pentagon office, is focused on defeating China if it grows increasingly belligerent, according to security analysts.

"Air-Sea Battle is about China — no doubt," said Aaron Friedberg, a Princeton University professor who published a book this year on Air-Sea Battle and its alternatives. "We have exaggerated concerns about offending the Chinese. I think at some point we have to be more candid."

However, analysts differ over whether Air-Sea Battle's existence deters China from potential aggression, or whether it increases the chances of a globally devastating war.

Among Air-Sea Battle advocates and detractors alike, few believe there is much good about a conflict between China and the United States. Choosing a deterrent is about choosing "the least bad strategy," according to T.X. Hammes, a National Defense University senior fellow and retired Marine colonel.

Disrupt, destroy, defeat

China hasn't fired a shot at any of its neighbors recently, but its attempts at what Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has deemed "force and coercion" have increased.

Chinese ships engaged in low-level standoffs with Vietnam and the Philippines over territorial sovereignty in the South China Sea; in Vietnam's case, a fishing boat sank after a ramming incident with a larger Chinese vessel in May.

Japan and China have repeated-

ly scrambled jets over the Senkaku Islands, which Japan administers but China claims as its own.

China's military is presently considered to be no match for the United States in a full-scale conflict, but that is expected to change in the coming decades as Beijing's spending and technology continue their upward trend. What remains unclear — and is nerve-wracking for U.S. allies in the region — is whether China will grow to resolve its disputes diplomatically or wield its newfound military clout.

"I don't see how we make decisions about the weapons we buy and how we reassure our allies unless we have a plausible story about how to fight and not lose a war against China," Friedberg said. "I don't think we have that 'right now.'"

'The Navy has stated categorically that Air-Sea Battle isn't a strategy, and they're right. It's a concept without strategy, and that may be the most dangerous aspect.'

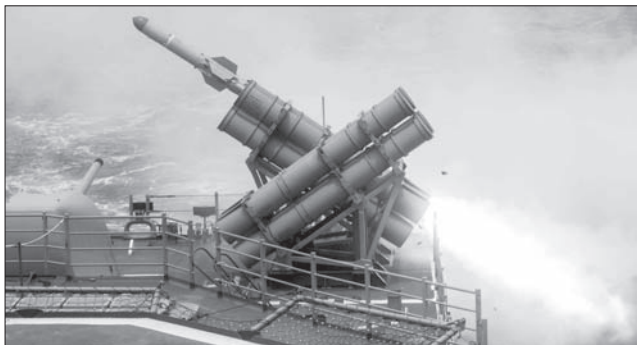
T.X. Hammes
retired Marine
colonel

by the military's own definition. It provides a method for re-entering oceans and airspace after China tries to deny entry and maneuverability.

China is building missiles like the Dong Feng-21D, a ballistic missile with a maneuverable re-entry vehicle that is designed to strike a moving aircraft carrier. If it works, that could keep some of America's most potent weapons out of striking range.

Although the U.S. military maintains ship and land-based interceptor missiles, shooting down a volley of advanced ballistic missiles is far from a guaranteed success. That is why the "tip of the spear" in an Air-Sea Battle isn't made up of ground troops or pilots — it's computer hackers or, in military terms, cyberwarriors.

At the beginning of the fight, the U.S. aims squarely at the web of networks and satellites controlling the enemy's missiles and other



Photos courtesy of the U.S. Navy

A harpoon missile is launched from the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Shiloh during Valiant Shield 2014.

weaponry in a "blinding campaign." It is a critical component of Air-Sea Battle, but it is also the biggest unknown, Friedberg said.

The military keeps so much of its cyberdefense planning classified that it's impossible for anyone on the outside to analyze it.

"We want others to believe that we have an ace up our sleeve — that we can make things go away with flip of a switch," Friedberg said.

The blinding campaign also includes air and sea strikes on some of China's softer targets, like over-the-horizon radar, Friedberg said.

The next phase involves striking ships, platforms and other armaments on land and sea. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps aircraft would potentially fly several missions, including bombing runs over China. Navy surface and undersea ships would also be heavily involved in that phase.

Navy ships, Army missile defense batteries and other methods would attempt to intercept any missiles that made it to launch.

Blockade and bargain

Supporters of Air-Sea Battle view its potential to cripple the People's Liberation Army as so



Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Matthew Overholt, of Bay City, Mich., carries a fuel hose onto the flight deck of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson during the exercise.

disruptive that it threatens the Chinese Communist Party's survival. That deters the party leadership from taking any overly aggressive action in the Asia-Pacific region, thereby guaranteeing regional stability and the free flow of world commerce.

Hammes, the National Defense University scholar, views it as a dangerous, escalatory concept that could even lead to a nuclear war. "The Navy has stated categorically that Air-Sea Battle isn't a strategy, and they're right," Hammes said. "It's a concept without strategy, and that may be the most dangerous aspect."

American strategy should instead seek to minimize a conflict with China, according to Hammes. Assuming China strikes first in space or cyberspace, it immediately gains an advantage in those domains and jeopardizes Air-Sea Battle's chances of success, he said.

As for destroying China's land-based weapons platforms, that's a tough act to pull off. China is converting to solid-fuel missiles, which launch within minutes, he said. Meanwhile, China's mobile missile launchers would be hard to find, Hammes said.

"The evidence we have is that it's not doable," Hammes said. "We hunted Scuds in the desert (in the Gulf War), and we still never killed one. Imagine shutting around on the complex terrain of China."

SEE BATTLE ON PAGE 7

YES

Click today...cash today...
www.militaryloans.com



"We love to say yes."

INJURED ?

CIVILIAN WORKERS
(INCLUDING NON-US CITIZENS)

KNOW AND PROTECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS
D.B.A./N.A.F. ATTORNEYS

www.injuredoverseas.com

U.S. TOLL FREE 888-732-7425

LAW OFFICES OF BARNETT & LERNER, P.A.

FREE CONSULTATION

Has Versatility ever looked this good.

Another new era for the BMW X.....

Email : info@firstchoicemsp.com

www.firstchoicemsp.com



BMW Military Sales

Authorized Agency

The Ultimate Driving Machine

The Ultimate Driving Machine

BMW Military Sales
A salute to those who serve

PACIFIC



TREVOR WELSH/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Ships from the George Washington and Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Groups and the Air Force and Marine Corps operate in formation as Valiant Shield 2014 concludes.

U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt. Lee Bennett,
an avionics
technician with
Marine Medium
Tiltrotor Squadron
265, 1st
Marine Aircraft
Wing, conducts
maintenance
on an MV-
22B Osprey at
Andersen Air
Force Base,
Guam, for Valiant
Shield.

HERNAN VIDANA/Courtesy
of the U.S. Marine Corps



BRYAN MAI/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Battle: Analysts agree US-China war unpredictable

FROM PAGE 6

Conventional ballistic missile attacks on China could also be difficult to distinguish from nuclear ballistic missile attacks, which raises the possibility of a Chinese nuclear response, he said.

Hammes instead favors a less costly approach that analysts refer to by names like "offshore control" and "distant blockading." They vary in their aggressiveness, but generally rule out bombing runs over Chinese land.

Hammes' contends that the Chinese Communist Party fears economic threats more than anything else. In a 2003 speech, President Hu Jintao began a debate on the "Malacca Dilemma," the position that China's economic and energy security is compromised because so much of it passes through the narrow Malacca Strait.

If China attacked U.S. positions and launched an anti-access, area-denial campaign, Hammes advocates blockading everything surrounding those waters.

"They can have their near-shore waters," Hammes said. "They need the rest of the ocean."

By Hammes' count, teams of 13 to 15 Marines could interdict the

roughly 800 ships that carry bulk import and export goods to and from China's main ports.

The blockade would economically strangle China but would not leave it in a position where the Communist Party couldn't eventually sue for peace without losing face, Hammes said.

China is aware of this weakness and is building land links to its west to compensate. However, Hammes doesn't believe that China wants to put its economy in the hands of the Russian and Kazakh rail networks. Even if it did, the railroads couldn't handle anywhere near the same cargo capacity, he said.

Hammes' strategy leaves out fighting in space and cyberspace and minimizes what he deems as the chance of a nuclear exchange.

Friedberg thinks the chance of China using its comparatively smaller nuclear arsenal against the U.S. in response to Air-Sea Battle is highly unlikely, since it would be akin to "contemplating national suicide."

Defending against Air-Sea Battle also forces the Chinese to put more resources into defending their installations, which pre-

sumably takes some funding from things like hypersonic missiles, Friedberg added.

Proponents of Air-Sea Battle contend that while a blockade might be a good concurrent idea, it doesn't do anything to gain access to the seas and air China has blocked. If blockading becomes America's strategy, it may not reassure U.S. allies in the region who are within or bordering a Chinese-enforced no-go zone.

Analysts agree that a war between two nuclear nations, especially one involving the world's two biggest economies, is inherently unpredictable. Great power wars historically have lasted for many years, which runs counter to apparent U.S. and Chinese planning for a short conflict, Hammes and Friedberg said.

Nevertheless, Friedberg argues that the U.S. must be prepared for conflict.

"I don't think we can diminish that danger by not doing these things," he said. "[China] is already making preparations to do that ... so it's not like we're starting this competition."

slavin.eri@stripes.com
Twitter: @slavin_stripes

Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Eric Glender, left, moves ammunition on the flight deck of the forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington to be loaded onto aircraft during the exercise.

HAESE
IT'S A GREAT DEAL

\$32,270
VOLVO V60 STARTING PRICE, EX FACTORY

MILITARY & DIPLOMAT SALES
WIESBADEN MAINZ-KASTEL

WWW.AUTOHAUS-HAESE.DE | DESK1@AUTOHAUS-HAESE.DE | 06134-284943

www.ABC travel.de/stripes ★ ☎ 0621 37 00 95 11

Top Discount Flights

Atlanta	€ 554
Chicago	€ 599
Los Angeles	€ 637
Las Vegas	€ 617
New York	€ 484
Seattle	€ 637
Miami	€ 557

Fly now
Pay later
We accept
US \$

Your special discount only on
www.abctravel.de/stripes

Flights from AUG - OCT 2014. From/to Germany RT. All taxes incl. All prices based on availability.

TOP CRUISES

569 6 Days
up to 18 SEP 14

Mediterranean Sea on RC Oasis of the Seas
Barcelona/Spain, Rome/Italy, Naples/Italy - RT

WAR ON TERRORISM

Obama: US misjudged threat from militants

By KEVIN FREKING
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said in an interview that aired Sunday that he agrees with intelligence leaders who believe the United States not only underestimated the threat of militants seeking to form the Islamic State group but also overestimated the ability and will of the Iraqi army to fight.

Obama spoke with CBS' "60 Minutes." In the interview, Obama was asked how Islamic State group fighters were able to control so much land in Syria and Iraq. He said that during the war in Iraq, U.S. military forces with the help of Iraq's Sunni tribes were able to quash al-Qaida fighters, who went "back underground."

"During the chaos of the Syrian civil

war, where essentially you have huge swaths of the country that are completely ungoverned, they were able to reconstitute themselves and take advantage of that chaos," Obama said.

In the "60 Minutes" interview, Obama called Syria ground zero for jihadis around the world. He said military force is necessary to shrink their capacity, cut off financing and eliminate the flow of foreign fighters. He has appeared less adamant about the threat in the past. In an interview published early this year by The New Yorker, the president appeared to minimize the Islamic State group militants by comparing it to a junior varsity basketball team. The White House at the time said he was speaking about a different threat posed by a range of extremists across the world.

The White House emphasized on several talk shows Sunday that the war against Islamic State group militants would not involve returning U.S. combat troops to the Middle East.

But House Speaker John Boehner said in an interview on ABC's "This Week" that some ground troops will be needed.

He said the U.S. and allies may be able to train those Iraqi and moderate Syrian opposition forces and get them on the battlefield. However, if others don't step up with ground troops, then the U.S. will have "no choice" about putting boots on the ground.

"They intend to kill us. And if we don't destroy them first, we're gonna pay the price," Boehner said.

Boehner's comments were quickly dismissed on CBS's "Face the Nation" by the

president's deputy national security adviser, Tony Blinken.

"We're not gonna repeat what we did before. Hundreds of thousands of Americans on the ground in the Middle East getting bogged down, that's exactly what al-Qaida wants," Blinken said. "That's not what we're gonna do."

The White House has said Obama had the power to authorize airstrikes in Iraq and Syria, and Boehner agreed. He believes a resolution authorizing use of force should also be taken up by Congress. He promised to bring lawmakers back to Washington if Obama were to seek such a resolution.

"We have the existing authorization from 2001. That's the basis for proceeding," Blinken said. "But we'd certainly welcome Congress showing its support."

New airstrikes hit Syrian oil refinery

By DESMOND BUTLER
The Associated Press

SANLIURFA, Turkey — Airstrikes likely carried out by the U.S.-led coalition struck an oil refinery in Syria held by the Islamic State group on Sunday, shaking buildings and sending flames shooting into the air near the Turkish border, a witness and activists said.

Al-Qaida's Syrian affiliate, meanwhile, warned that Muslims would attack countries taking part in the coalition air raids, which have targeted both the Islamic State extremist group — with which al-Qaida is at war — as well as hardline militants battling to overthrow Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Explosions lit the sky for two hours at the refinery in the northern Syrian town of Tel Abyad around 2:30 a.m. local time, said Turkish businessman Mehmet Ozer, who lives in the nearby Turkish town of Akcakale.

"Our building was shaking and we saw fire, some 60 meters high, coming from the refinery," he said. The strikes were also reported by the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and Turkey's Dogan news agency. Dogan said the strikes targeted an oil refinery and the local headquarters of the Islamic State group.

U.S. Central Command, which is overseeing the air campaign, did not immediately comment on the strikes.

The U.S.-led coalition has been targeting oil installations across Syria controlled by the extremist group, aiming to cripple its finances. The group is believed to earn some \$3 million a day from selling smuggled oil on the black market as well as kidnapping and extortion.

The United States and five Arab allies launched an aerial campaign against Islamic State fighters Tuesday with the aim of rolling back and ultimately crushing the extremist group, which has created a proto-state

spanning the Syria-Iraq border. The U.S. has been carrying out airstrikes against the group in neighboring Iraq since August.

In seizing territory, the Islamic State group has massacred and beheaded its opponents, chased out tens of thousands of Syrians and Iraqis who belong to minority groups and imposed a harsh interpretation of Islamic law on residents.

The Islamic State group has also abducted Syrian activists, international aid workers and journalists, and has beheaded a British aid worker and two American reporters.

The coalition includes Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Jordan. Several European countries also are contributing to U.S. efforts to strike the Islamic State group in Iraq, including France, the Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium and Britain.

The campaign against the oil facilities is expected to be a long, slow task as most of the refineries held by the Islamic State group are small and scattered across their territory.

The Britain-based Observatory says at least 19 civilians have been killed so far in coalition strikes in Syria. Most recently, six oil workers in the far northeast province of Hassakeh were killed overnight, said the Observatory, which obtains information from a network of activists on the ground.

Overall, some 190,000 people have been killed in Syria's three-year conflict, and nearly one-half of the country's pre-war population of 23 million people has been displaced.

In Syria, the strikes are also targeting the Nusra Front, al-Qaida's official branch in the country.

Washington views the group as a terrorist organization, while most Syrian rebels see it as a highly effective ally against both Assad's government and the Islamic State.

Touch the news with the Stars and Stripes Tablet Edition

The fastest and most reliable way to get the latest military-related news, videos and photos on your iPad®

The latest Tablet Edition offers:

- ✓ An all new, easy-to-read layout and design
- ✓ Dramatically fast performance and download speeds
- ✓ Beautiful, high-resolution original photography
- ✓ More categories and more articles than ever before
- ✓ Expanded photo and video galleries

All for the same great low price!

Learn more
by visiting
stripes.com/ipad

Available on the
App Store

STARS AND STRIPES
TABLET EDITION v2.0

Download is available from the Apple App Store. iPad is a trademark of Apple Inc., registered in the U.S. and other countries. App Store is a service mark of Apple Inc.



NATION



COURTESY OF KSDK-TV/AP

In this framegrab image, police at right watch as a crowd gathers near the scene where a police officer was shot in the arm Saturday night in Ferguson, Mo.

Police: Ferguson officer shot; 2 suspects wanted

By JIM SALTER
The Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — A search for two suspects in a St. Louis suburb that's undergone racial unrest continued Sunday after a Ferguson police officer was shot in the arm following an encounter with two men at a community center who ran from him and then opened fire during a foot chase, authorities said.

St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar said at a media briefing early Sunday that the officer approached the men about 9:10 p.m. Saturday because the community center was closed. As the officer approached, the men ran away. When the officer gave chase, "one of the men turned and shot," Belmar said.

The officer was shot in the arm and is expected to survive, he said. Belmar did not identify the officer or give further details about his condition. He said the officer returned fire but said police have "no indication" that either suspect was shot.

A search was underway for the suspects early Sunday in Ferguson, where some community members remain uneasy in the wake of the August shooting death of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer.

Belmar said he did not think the officer's shooting was related to two separate protests about Michael Brown's shooting that were going on Saturday night about the same time.

About midnight at the police

station, approximately two dozen officers stood near a group of about 100 protesters who mingled on a street corner, occasionally shouting, "No justice, no peace."

Nearly, part of a road was closed in town as police conducted a search for the suspects. Numerous law enforcement agencies were responding, and police helicopters were canvassing the area.

President says mistrust of police corroding America

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The widespread mistrust of law enforcement that was exposed by the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man in Missouri exists in too many other communities and is having a corrosive effect on the nation, particularly on its children, President Barack Obama says. He blames the feeling of wariness on persistent racial disparities in the administration of justice.

Obama said those misgivings only serve to harm communities that are most in need of effective law enforcement.

"It makes folks who are victimized by crime and need strong policing reluctant to go to the police because they may not trust them," he said Saturday night in an address at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's annual awards dinner.

"And the worst part of it is it scars the hearts of our children," Obama said, adding that it leads some youngsters to unnecessarily fear people who do not look like them and others to constantly feel under suspicion no matter what they do.

"That is not the society we want," he said. "It's not the society that our children deserve."

Obama addressed the Aug.

9 shooting of Michael Brown, 18, carefully but firmly, saying his death and the raw emotion it produced had reawakened the country to the fact that "a gulf of mistrust" exists between residents and police in too many communities.

The shooting sparked days of violent protests and racial unrest in the predominantly black St. Louis suburb of Ferguson. The police officer who shot Brown was white.

"Too many young men of color feel targeted by law enforcement — guilty of walking while black or driving while black, judged by stereotypes that fuel fear and resentment and hopelessness," said Obama, who has spoken of enduring similar treatment as a younger man.

He said significant racial disparities remain in the enforcement of law, from drug sentencing to application of the death penalty, and that a majority of Americans think the justice system treats people of different races unequally.

Obama opened his remarks by praising Attorney General Eric Holder as a great friend and faithful public servant.

The president announced Holder's resignation last week after nearly six years as the nation's chief law enforcement officer.

Man accused in Okla. beheading now awake

By TIM TALLEY
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — A man who was shot after authorities say he beheaded one woman and attacked another at an Oklahoma food processing plant from which he had just been fired has regained consciousness and was interviewed by detectives Saturday.

Alton Nolen, 30, remains hospitalized in stable condition after Thursday's attack at the Vaughan Foods plant in the Oklahoma City suburb of Moore, Police Sgt. Jeremy Lewis said. He said that Nolen will be charged Monday with first-degree murder and assault and battery with a deadly weapon and that he may also face federal charges.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for an Oklahoma City Islamic group



Nolen

said Saturday that Nolen was a frequent worshipper at a mosque the group maintains and that he remembers the suspect as "a little weird."

"He was a nice, quiet, low-key guy," said Saad Mohammed, director of information for the Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City. "He acted a little odd," Mohammed said, though he added that Nolen's behavior never raised any "red flags."

Mohammed said Nolen began worshipping at one of the group's mosques in May.

Thinking about Cosmetic Surgery ? Come to new rising mecca of Cosmetic Surgery in Korea JCI Certified Konyang Univ. Hospital Daejeon, Korea

Located in the center of Korea, easy access & less than a hour by KTX from Seoul, Pyungtaek, Osan & Daegu.

Experienced and friendly English-speaking doctors.

State-of-the-art medical technology and equipments.

Reasonable surgery fees.

Near sightseeing points: Yusung hot spring, Expo amusement park, Ruins & museum showing ancient Korea.



Young hee Lee,
M.D FACS

Cosmetic surgery
Hand surgery
Skin cancer

Du hyung Lee,
M.D. PhD

Burn care &
reconstruction
Cosmetic surgery

Young Roe,
M.D. MSC

Cosmetic surgery
Facial bone surgery
Aging face

Sung hyun Jung,
M.D. PhD

Reconstructive
microsurgery
Hand surgery
Cosmetic surgery

Breast Surgery
Liposuction
Abdominoplasty

Call now for free consultation and speak to your doctor directly !

Yong hee Lee, M.D 010-9654-6680 (Yonghlee2001@yahoo.com)

Young Roe, M.D 010-9175-1327 (drmiin@chol.com)

Department of Plastic Surgery, Konyang Univ. Hospital, Daejeon, Korea

From outside of Korea, dial 82-10-9175-1327



건양대학교병원
KONYANG UNIV. HOSPITAL

NATION

Southwest pummeled by storms

Power outages, flooding affect Phoenix, Nevada

By TERRY TANG
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Powerful thunderstorms brought heavy rain and strong winds to the Phoenix area, flooding roads, delaying flights and knocking out power to thousands. Other southwest storms caused more flooding in Nevada.

The skies above downtown Phoenix were completely gray as the deluge began Saturday afternoon, eventually forcing authorities to close a section of Interstate 17 through the city for more than hour due to flooding.

Flight departures and landings resumed about 3:30 p.m. after they were halted for an hour at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Airport spokeswoman Julie Rodriguez said more than 40 flights scheduled to land in Phoenix were diverted to other airports.

"The wind caused some damage to the roof of Terminal 2 in the baggage claim area and in some of the gate areas. However, all three terminals at Sky Harbor are operational," Rodriguez said in a statement.

Branches and debris littered streets around the city and at least one traffic light was knocked over. Wind toppled some trees.

The Salt River Project utility said that about 31,000 customers were without power as of Saturday afternoon. Utility officials estimated that power would be restored some time Saturday.

SRP spokeswoman Patty Garcia-Likens said the utility was giving ice away to affected customers at two Quick Trip locations.

By early Sunday, fewer than 17,000 Arizona Public Service customers in the area remained without power, spokeswoman Jenna Shaver told the Arizona Republic. More than 71,000 had been without power earlier.



ALEX CHIRAK/AP

A tree and a streetlight are brought down by heavy rain and winds in Phoenix on Saturday. Intense storms in the Southwest drenched Phoenix and flooded parts of Nevada.

Phoenix Fire Capt. Benjamin Santillan said firefighters were helping to locate a hiker in south Phoenix stranded by a washed-away trail. The woman was hiking with her dog when the rain hit. Santillan said she was able to find her way to a road, and crews were using her cellphone signal to find her.

Crews, meanwhile, responded to multiple calls around the city of trees falling on vehicles and small electrical-related fires.

National Weather Service meteorologist Valerie Meyers said a record-breaking 1.6 inches of rain has been reported by late afternoon as the storm was tapering off. That total surpassed the 1.46 inches reported on the same date in 1903.

The weather was a mix of Phoenix's first fall storm and leftover monsoon moisture, National Weather Service meteorologist Marvin Percha said.

In southeast Nevada's rural Moapa Valley, heavy rains brought flooding, but authorities said that despite a river cresting at a record high, the damage wasn't as bad as what was caused by high waters in the area earlier in September.

Clark County Deputy Fire Chief Jon Klassen said the only evacuations occurred in

the tiny town of Warm Springs, but he didn't know how many people or homes were affected. Roads to the town were flooded and inaccessible.

David Aguilar said an inch of silt came into his Moapa Valley house along the Muddy River.

"All of a sudden, I heard the sound of water," he told the Las Vegas Review-Journal, adding that a water pipe also broke, complicating cleanup efforts.

Other residents said the flood left mud and debris in yards, inundated sheds and other exterior buildings and damaged vehicles.

Authorities responded to cars stuck on Interstate 15, but no one was trapped and the cars were unoccupied, Klassen said.

Interstate 15 just south of Mesquite reopened after flooding closed it in both directions Saturday morning, according to the Nevada Department of Transportation.

In northern Arizona, Flagstaff residents also saw showers, thunder and lightning Saturday. More than an inch of rain fell in isolated areas south of Prescott by the afternoon, meteorologist Megan Schwitzer said. The Weather Service also said that nickel-sized hail was reported near Yarnell.

2 Californians convicted of terrorism

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Two southern Californians men have been convicted on federal charges of being involved in a terrorism plot to travel overseas, join al-Qaida and kill Americans.

Sohiel Omar Kabir, 36, an Afghanistan-born American citizen, and Ralph Deleon, 25, a citizen of the Philippines who lived in Ontario, were found guilty Sept. 25 by a federal jury in Riverside after a nearly seven-week trial.

Kabir and Deleon were convicted of "conspiring to provide material support to terrorists and conspiring to kill officers and employees of the United States government," said Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office.

The men face life without parole when they are sentenced Feb. 23, he said.

"This case shows that the appeal of extremist ideologies can reach from Afghanistan to America, demonstrating the clear need for continued vigilance in rooting out homegrown violent extremists who plot terrorist acts both

here and abroad," said U.S. Attorney Stephanie Yonekura.

Two other defendants indicted in the case in 2012, Miguel Alejandro Santana Vidriales and Arifeen David Gajali, previously pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentencing.

During the trial, prosecutors alleged that Kabir persuaded Deleon, the two other men to travel to Afghanistan to fight alongside the Taliban and later join al-Qaida.

Prosecutors said Kabir told the other men that once in Afghanistan, they would join the Taliban — which he referred to as "the students" — and eventually join al-Qaida, which he called "the professors." The men honed their abilities at firearms and paintball facilities in Southern California as part of their preliminary training, authorities said.

Deleon, Vidriales and Gajali were arrested in November 2012 as they left an apartment in China to leave California and rendezvous with Kabir, who had already moved to Afghanistan. Kabir was seized by American soldiers there and returned to the U.S. to face charges.

5 bodies found in home

SPRINGVILLE, Utah — Two parents and three of their children were found dead in a home near Provo, and authorities said early Sunday they were trying to determine the cause of the deaths.

The bodies were reported to officers in Springville about 8 p.m. MDT Saturday, police spokesman Lt. Dave Caron said.

"There were no obvious signs of trauma or foul play," Caron said.

He added that police don't believe there is any danger to the community.

The bodies were found by an older son and his two grandparents. Police gave the ages of the parents as mid-30s. The children were a 14-year-old boy, a 12-year-old girl and an 11-year-old boy.

Caron said that firefighters tested the air and did not find any carbon monoxide, but added that the gas could have ventilated before the test.

The doors were open when police arrived, he said.

From The Associated Press



Win an iPad Mini

Vote for Germany's Best by Sept 30

Vote online www.stripesrewards.com/readers-choice




WORLD

Tear gas used on Hong Kong protesters

By KELVIN CHAN
The Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong police used tear gas Sunday and warned of further measures as they tried to clear thousands of pro-democracy protesters who had gathered outside government headquarters in a challenge to Beijing over its decision to restrict democratic reforms for the semi-autonomous city.

After spending hours holding the protesters at bay, police lobbed canisters of tear gas into the crowd on Sunday evening. The searing fumes sent demonstrators fleeing down the road, but many came right back to continue their protest.

Students and activists have been camped out on the streets outside the government complex since late Friday. Students started the rally, but by early Sunday leaders of the broader Occupy Central civil disobedience movement said they were joining them to kick-start a long-threatened mass sit-in to demand that an election for Hong Kong's leader be held without Beijing's interference.

Police used the tear gas after the protest spiraled into an extraordinary scene of chaos, with the demonstrators jamming a busy road and clashing with officers wield-



WALLY SANTANA/AP

Riot police launch tear gas into the crowd as thousands of protesters surround the government headquarters in Hong Kong on Sunday.

ing pepper spray.

The protesters were trying to reach a mass sit-in being held outside government headquarters to demand Beijing grant genuine democratic reforms to the former British colony.

"It was very cruel for the police to use such harsh violence on protesters who had been completely peaceful," said one of the demonstrators, Cecily Lui, 30, a clerk. "They were just sitting down on the

road asking to speak with (Hong Kong leader) Leung Chun-ying to start a dialogue. Now, police have solved nothing, and students are more resolved to stay."

After using the tear gas, police issued a statement urging the protesters to "leave peacefully and orderly.... Otherwise police will use a higher level of force in order to restore public order and safeguard public safety," the statement warned.

The demonstrations — which Beijing called "illegal" — were a rare scene of disorder in the Asian financial hub, and highlighted authorities' inability to rein in the public discontent over Beijing's tightening grip on the city. The protesters reject Beijing's decision last month to rule out open nominations for candidates under proposed guidelines for the first-ever elections for Hong Kong's leader, promised for 2017.

Liberia awaits aid as Ebola clinics fill up

The Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia—Doctors are in short supply. So are beds for patients. Six months after the Ebola outbreak emerged for the first time in an unprepared West Africa and eventually became the worst-ever outbreak, the gap between what has been sent by other countries and private groups and what is needed is huge.

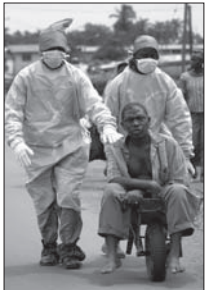
"Even as countries try to marshal more resources, those needs threaten to become much greater and possibly even insurmountable."

D.J. Mulbah, 14, was taken by his mother and grandmother on Saturday in desperate pursuit of a coveted bed at the Ebola clinic run by Doctors Without Borders in Monrovia, Liberia's capital. Too weak to stand, he was put into a taxi with his backpack and a bucket for vomit.

"I haven't sick for a week with a runny stomach," said his mother, wiping the sweat off the boy's brow with her bare hands. "We tried calling an ambulance days ago, but nobody ever came."

Beds are filling up as fast as clinics can be built. Often there is nowhere to take patients except to "holding centers," where they await a bed at a treatment facility.

By 8 a.m. Saturday, a dozen people who likely have Ebola are crouching and sitting on the ground outside the padlocked metal gates of a clinic with a capacity of 160 patients. Soon, a tri-



JEROME DELAY/AP

A man suspected of carrying the Ebola virus is taken to the Island Clinic in Monrovia, Liberia, on Sunday.

age nurse approaches, her voice muffled through a surgical mask covered by a plastic face shield. The clinic will take the boy. Seven of the 30 beds made available Saturday morning were vacated by survivors. The rest had died.

Some foreign medical workers there. Former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev transferred control over the strategic Black Sea region to Ukraine from Moscow in the 1950s.

While the rhetoric was tough, Andrew Weiss, a top Russia expert at the Carnegie Foundation, said the Lavrov speech "hewed

Russia issues fierce attack on US, NATO

By STEVEN R. HURST
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The Russian foreign minister issued a blistering attack on the West and NATO on Saturday, accusing them of being unable to change their Cold War "genetic code" and saying the United States must abandon its claims to "eternal uniqueness."

Sergey Lavrov's assault appeared to be an extension of the increasingly anti-Western stance of Russian President Vladimir Putin, who is riding a wave of popularity at home with his neo-nationalist rhetoric and policies. Speaking at the United Nations General Assembly, Lavrov said the crisis in Ukraine was the result of a coup d'état in that country backed by the United States and the European Union for the purpose of pulling Kiev out of its "organic role as a binding link" between East and West, denying it the opportunity for "neutral and nonbloc status."

Lavrov also said the Russian annexation of Crimea earlier this year was the choice of the largely Russian-speaking population there. Former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev transferred control over the strategic Black Sea region to Ukraine from Moscow in the 1950s.

While the rhetoric was tough, Andrew Weiss, a top Russia expert at the Carnegie Foundation, said the Lavrov speech "hewed

closely to themes the Russians have put forward throughout the Ukraine crisis."

Immediately before Lavrov spoke, the German foreign minister said Russia's actions to retake Crimea were a crime.

"Russia has, with its annexation of Crimea, unilaterally changed existing borders in Europe and thus broke international law," Frank-Walter Steinmeier said in his address to the world body. He spent considerable time speaking about what the West sees as Russian meddling in Ukraine, a nation on the verge of bankruptcy after a series of corrupt postindependence regimes.

Lavrov made no mention of Western allegations that Russia has sent troops and heavy weapons into eastern Ukraine in support of pro-Russia rebels there who have taken over a number of key industrial cities after the ouster of former pro-Russia President Viktor Yanukovich. His departure followed months of demonstrations against his corrupt rule.

Russia routinely denies its forces are involved.

Lavrov rejected that Western economic sanctions would cause Russia to reverse course on the issue of Ukraine.

"Attempts to put pressure on Russia and to compel it to abandon its values, truth and justice have no prospects whatsoever," Lavrov said.

In Yemen, hundreds protest Shiite rebels

SANAA, Yemen — Hundreds demonstrated Sunday in Yemen's capital, urging state security forces to return to the streets and demanding Shiite rebel militias leave Sanaa.

The demonstrations came a day after Yemeni political forces signed a security deal in which the Shiite rebels, known as Hawthi, agreed to disarm their militia and withdraw from areas they recently seized.

The Hawthi's rivals — the Muslim Brotherhood-linked Islah political party and others — also signed the deal, part of a comprehensive agreement brokered by the United Nations.

Demonstrators also called for the return of weapons seized by the Hawthi's.

Thousands of police protect Serb march

BELGRADE, Serbia — Thousands of anti-riot police officers were deployed Sunday in downtown Belgrade in an effort to protect a gay pride march that faced threats of attacks from extremists.

Water cannons, armored vehicles and shielded officers blocked all traffic on the route of the march as Serbia tried to show it respects the human rights of all of its citizens as it seeks European Union membership.

Waving hundreds of rainbow-colored flags, several hundred gay activists marched from the government headquarters through the empty Belgrade streets, where shops were closed and public transport was stopped.

Pilots end strike at Air France after 14 days

PARIS — Air France's leading pilots union on Sunday announced an end to a 14-day strike that grounded roughly half of the airline's flights, stranded passengers worldwide and led to stern shows of frustration by the French prime minister.

After a late-night negotiating session with management, leaders of the SNPL pilot union walked away with no deal but the realization that the strike "is not an end in itself," said union spokesman Antoine Anor. The union was "taking up its responsibilities" and ending the walkout so that service can now resume and negotiations can continue peaceably, he said.

Land mine blast kills 20 in Guinea-Bissau

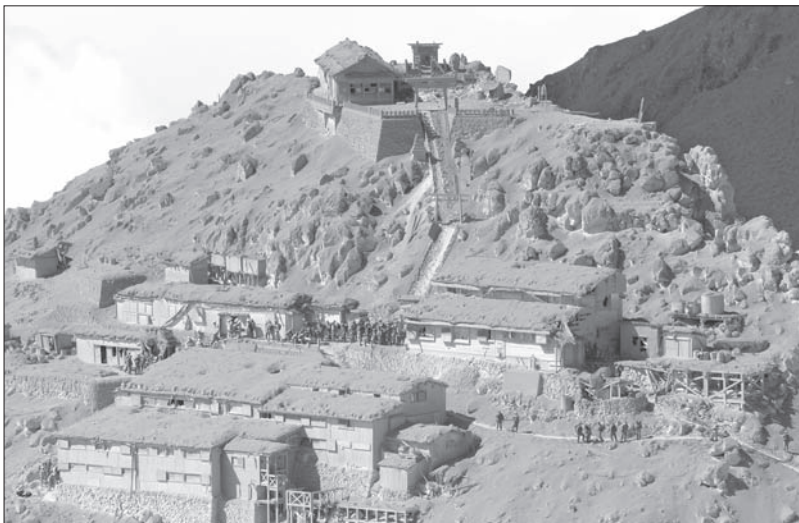
BISSAU, Guinea-Bissau — A doctor said 20 people were killed when a minibus struck a land mine in Guinea-Bissau.

Augusto Blute, a doctor based in the capital who treated several victims, said Sunday the bus was traveling between the towns of Bissora and Encheia in the north of the country when the explosion occurred Friday.

He said the minibus was destroyed and that the blast was strong enough to render most victims unrecognizable to their relatives.

From The Associated Press

WORLD



Photos by Kyodo News/AP

Firefighters and members of Japan's Self-Defense Force conduct a rescue operation Sunday at an ash-covered cabin, center left, near the peak of Mount Ontake in central Japan. Mount Ontake erupted shortly before noon Saturday, spewing large white plumes of gas and ash high into the sky and blanketing the surrounding area in ash.

30 are believed dead in volcano

Rescues continue of people stranded in wake of eruption in Japan

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Rescue workers have found 30 or more people unconscious and believed to be dead near the peak of an erupting volcano in central Japan, local government and police said.

Nagano prefecture posted on its website that about 30 people had heart and lung failure, the customary way for Japanese authorities to describe a body until police doctors can examine it. At least four of the victims were brought down Sunday afternoon.

A Nagano police official described the number as more than 30. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

Mount Ontake in central Japan erupted shortly before noon Saturday, spewing large white plumes of gas and ash high into the sky and blanketing the surrounding area in ash. The mountain is a popular climbing destination, and at least 250 people were initially trapped on the slopes, though most made their way down by Saturday night.

Before the unconscious victims were found, Japan's Fire and Disaster Management Agency said 45 people had been reported missing. The exact location of the bodies and their identities were not immediately known.

Keita Ushimaru, an official in nearby Kiso town, said that Nagano crisis management officials had informed the town that at least four people with heart and lung failure were being brought down to the town, and that there were others in the same condition. The journey was expected to take about three hours.

Rescue workers were also trying to help

injured people and others who had been stranded on the mountain overnight, many taking refuge in mountain lodges. Some were unable to descend on their own, or unwilling to take the risk.

Military helicopters plucked seven people off the mountainside earlier Sunday, and workers were helping others make their way down the slopes. One woman was being carried on a stretcher, and a man with a broken arm was walking down.

Seven people were picked up in three helicopter trips, said Defense Ministry official Toshihiko Muraki. All were conscious and could walk, though details of their conditions were unclear, he said.

Japanese television footage showed a soldier descending from a helicopter to an ash-covered slope, helping latch on a man and then the two of them being pulled up.

The Self-Defense Force, as Japan's military is called, has deployed seven helicopters and 250 troops. Police and fire departments are also taking part in the rescue effort.

A large plume, a mixture of white and gray, continued to rise from the ash-covered summit of 10,062-foot Mount Ontake on Sunday, visible from the nearby village of Otaki. A convoy of red firetrucks, sirens blaring, and rescue workers on foot headed past barriers into the restricted zone around the mountain.

Shinichi Shimohara, who works at a shrine at the foot of the mountain, said he was on his way up Saturday morning when he heard a loud noise that sounded like strong winds followed by "thunder" as the volcano erupted.

"For a while I heard thunder pounding a number of times," he said. "Soon after, some climbers started descending. They were all covered with ash, completely



A helicopter of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force lifts a person injured during the eruption on Mount Ontake on Sunday.

white. I thought to myself, this must be really serious."

Mount Ontake, about 130 miles west of Tokyo, sits on the border of Nagano and Gifu prefectures, on the main Japanese island of Honshu. The volcano's last major eruption was in 1979.

Base officials tell residents of Yokota to remain inside

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Military officials are warning personnel at Yokota Air Base, the headquarters of U.S. Forces Japan, to be prepared for ash fallout from an erupting volcano.

Central Japan's Mount Ontake erupted shortly before noon Saturday, stunning more than 200 hikers who were on the popular 10,062-foot peak at the time. At least seven are listed as missing and another 40 people were injured.

The eruption spewed large white plumes of ash high into the sky. Two Jetstar flights headed to Tokyo's Narita International Airport diverted to Kansai International Airport in western Japan as a precaution. The Associated Press reported.

Yokota residents were advised Saturday by base officials to remain indoors with pets to avoid breathing any ash that might fall.

They also were told to minimize vehicle use during periods of heavy ash fall because of reduced visibility and potential damage to air intakes. People should wear protective equipment when handling and cleaning ash fallout, officials said.

By Sunday afternoon, no ash appeared to have fallen on the base, and a number of people were outside on a warm and sunny fall day. There also was no immediate impact on Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Yokosuka Naval Base, Misawa Air Base or 7th Fleet installations, Navy officials said shortly after the eruption.

However, there are fears that Mount Ontake could erupt again, and Yokota officials warned that the base could be affected "in the next couple of days."

Ash clouds from volcanic eruptions have the potential to cause huge aviation disruptions because even microscopic bits of volcanic debris are highly abrasive and can damage turbines and other engine parts.

In 2010, an eruption in Iceland sent a plume of ash over much of Western Europe, forcing the cancellation of more than 100,000 commercial flights.

There are numerous active volcanoes in Japan, including the nation's highest peak, 12,389-foot Mount Fuji, which can be seen from Yokota's flightline on clear days.

When 8,339-foot Mount Asama — 78 miles northeast of Tokyo — erupted in 1982, ash dusted the capital.

In a message posted on Yokota's Facebook page Sunday, officials said flights at the base haven't been affected yet.

"It depends on the direction the volcanic plume takes and if it becomes a larger issue for air travel through Nagano and Gifu prefectures 200 km (125 miles) west of Tokyo," the officials said. "Haneda and Narita Airports are operating normally, though some flights have been delayed or diverted to avoid the area. At this time, international flights are unaffected. Yokota remains fully operational."

Yokota facility managers and residents, who were initially advised to switch off heating and air conditioning systems, were told they could turn them back on but should be prepared to shut them down again if "changing ashfall conditions" necessitate it, officials said.

Stars and Stripes staffer Erik Slavin contributed to this report. robson.seth@stripes.com

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals T

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Ozone layer in recovery

UN: 1980s phase-out of certain chemicals helped avert brewing ecological crisis

By SETH BORENSTEIN
The Associated Press

Earth's protective ozone layer is beginning to recover, largely because of the phase-out since the 1980s of certain chemicals used in refrigerants and aerosol cans, a U.N. scientific panel reported earlier this month in a rare piece of good news about the health of the planet.

Scientists said the development demonstrates that when the world comes together, it can counteract a brewing ecological crisis.

For the first time in 35 years, scientists were able to confirm a statistically significant and sustained increase in stratospheric ozone, which shields the planet from

solar radiation that causes skin cancer, crop damage and other problems.

From 2000 to 2013, ozone levels climbed 4 percent in the key mid-northern latitudes at about 30 miles up, said NASA scientist Paul A. Newman. He co-chaired the every-four-years ozone assess-

ment by 300 scientists, released at the United Nations.

"It's a victory for diplomacy and for science — and for the fact that we were able to work together," said chemist Mario Molina. In 1974, Molina and F. Sherwood Rowland wrote a scientific study forecasting the ozone depletion problem. They won the 1995 Nobel Prize in chemistry for their work.

The ozone layer had been thinning since the late 1970s. Man-made chlorofluorocarbons, called CFCs, released chlorine and bromine, which destroyed ozone molecules high in the air. After scientists raised the alarm, countries around the world agreed to a treaty in 1987 that phased out CFCs.

Levels of those chemicals dropped from 30 and 50 miles up are decreasing.

The United Nations calculated in an earlier report that without the pact, by 2030 there would have been an extra 2 mil-

lion skin cancer cases a year around the world.

Paradoxically, heat-trapping greenhouse gases — considered the major cause of global warming — are also helping to rebuild the ozone layer, Newman said. The report said rising levels of carbon dioxide and other gases cool the upper stratosphere, and the cooler air increases the amount of ozone.

In another worrisome trend, the chemicals that replaced CFCs contribute to global warming and are on the rise, said Massachusetts Institute of Technology atmospheric scientist Susan Solomon. At the moment, they don't make much of a dent, but they are expected to increase dramatically by 2050 and make "a big contribution" to global warming.

The ozone layer is still far from healed. The long-lasting, ozone-eating chemicals still lingering in the atmosphere create a yearly fall ozone hole above the extreme Southern Hemisphere, and the hole hasn't closed up. Also, the ozone layer is still about 6 percent thinner than in 1980, by Newman's calculations.

Ozone levels are "on the upswing, but it's not there yet," he said.

Achim Steiner, executive director of the U.N. Environment Program, said there are encouraging signs that the ozone layer "is on track to recovery by the middle of this century."

Steiner called the effort to get rid of ozone-destroying substances "one of the great success stories of international collective action in addressing a global environmental change phenomenon."

"More than 98 percent of the ozone-depleting substances agreed over time have actually been phased out," he said. If not for such efforts, Steiner said, "we would be seeing a very substantial global ozone depletion today."

Paul Wapner, a professor of global environmental politics at American University, said the findings are "good news in an often dark landscape" and send a message of hope to world leaders, who met last week in New York for a U.N. climate summit.

"The precedent is truly important because society is facing another serious global environmental problem — namely, climate change," said Molina, 71, a professor in San Diego and Mexico City. He said

he didn't think he would live to see the day when the ozone layer was rebuilding.

Earlier this month, the United Nations announced that atmospheric levels of the main greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide, surged to another record high in 2013. The increase from 2012 was the biggest jump in three decades.

'It's a victory for diplomacy and for science — and for the fact that we were able to work together.'

Mario Molina
Nobel Prize-winning chemist

FACES

'A wonderful, thrilling adventure'

Katharine McPhee glad to be part of ensemble TV drama 'Scorpion'

By GREG BRAXTON
Los Angeles Times

Since Katharine McPhee first sang her way onto the pop culture stage almost 10 years ago, music has been priority No. 1.

Though she just missed capturing the "American Idol" crown during the 2006 season, it hasn't seemed to matter for McPhee. She's far outdistanced that year's winner, Taylor Hicks, as well as almost all other "Idols," and has recorded several albums and performed all over the country, including Carnegie Hall.

Most notably, she was center stage for NBC's highly promoted "Smash," an ill-fated Broadway-based musical drama series initially embraced by fans and critics before winding up as a punch line during its second and final season.

This fall, McPhee is singing a different tune — which is no tune at all. She's part of the ensemble of "Scorpion," CBS' new drama about a group of misfit geniuses recruited by U.S. Homeland Security to combat high-tech threats. Think of it as a heavier, more action-packed, less punch-line-driven version of "The Big Bang Theory."

And McPhee's new character couldn't be further away from her role on "Smash," where she performed intricate production numbers showcasing her chops and quiet beauty.

As Paige Dineen, a waitress and single mother of an introverted boy genius, she finds herself helping out the brainy Scorpion troupe, which is led by eccentric Walter O'Brien (Elyse Gabel). Though she's a bit out of her melodic comfort zone, McPhee is singing the praises of "Scorpion," calling it "a wonderful, thrilling adventure."

"I'm really excited about the action stuff, which I had never gotten a chance to do before," she said.

Still, the 30-year-old actress

realizes some of her fans might be bewildered by her signing on to an action series.

"I do feel for the fans who know me as a singer," she said. "That's a part of me that's never going to change. I had completed a record, then I got this pilot. My record got put on the back burner. It will take some figuring out as far as the music fits, some realigning. I'm letting the pieces fall where they may, letting the show settle a little bit."

More important, she is hopeful that "Scorpion" will dim at least some of the recent spotlight on her personal life, which has brought her no shortage of embarrassment. Last October, TMZ posted pictures of the actress smooching "Smash" director Michael Morris. At the time, both were married to other people.

The harsh light on her off-screen life was upsetting: "I've never spoken about my personal life, never specifically about relationships. It's been a whole different thing to get used to."

Without referring to specifics, McPhee became quieter when discussing the impact.

"I've had an interesting year and a half," she said with a small chuckle. "I made a lot of choices that are not reflective of who I am." Getting cast in "Scorpion" "gave me the opportunity to focus on something good, and not on some poor choices I made in my life."

"Scorpion" executive producer Nick Santora said he was ecstatic when he learned that McPhee might be available: "We looked at a lot of actresses, and a lot of young actresses don't want to play young single moms. We knew Katharine was in demand. She just exudes accessibility. You feel you know this person."

So far, starring in "Scorpion" is turning out to be a far less flashy experience for McPhee than "Smash," a show she looks back on with mixed feelings.

The ambitious NBC show focused on the drama surrounding the creation of a Broadway musical about Marilyn Monroe. McPhee played Karen Cartwright, a small-town girl from Iowa who becomes a serious contender for the title role, putting her in fierce competition with seasoned Broadway troupier Ivy Linn (Megan Hilty).

The musical TV drama was "the perfect storm of all the things that I love to do," she said. But the warm glow that initially greeted the series gradually faded. The show's creator, playwright Theresa Rebeck, was eventually let go, and a vocal anti-"Smash" contingent sprung up on social media.

Katharine McPhee is starring on the TV series "Scorpion." The show airs Saturdays on APN-Prime. "I'm really excited about the action stuff, which I had never gotten a chance to do before," she says.

RICHARD SHOTWELL, INVISION/AP



AP

Thom Yorke is putting out a new solo album using BitTorrent.

Yorke releasing album through BitTorrent

Thom Yorke is making an end run around "the self-elected gatekeepers" and putting out a new solo album using BitTorrent instead of traditional distribution methods.

The Radiohead singer and his producer Nigel Godrich issued a letter through their publicist Sept. 26 announcing "Tomorrow's Modern Boxes." The \$6 download includes eight songs and a video.

Yorke and Godrich hope to create a new model for artists to control their own music or other digital content: "If it works, anyone can do this exactly as we have done."

Unusual distribution methods are nothing new for Yorke. Radiohead released 2007's "In Rainbows" as a pay-what-you-want download in 2007 and also distributed their 2010 album "The King of Limbs" as a direct download to fans before selling a physical edition.

Other news

■ Veteran rocker Bob Seger announced Sept. 25 that he and the Silver Bullet Band are hitting the road for a North American tour in support of the upcoming album, "Ride Out." According to Seger's website, the first leg of the tour begins Nov. 19 and makes nearly two dozen stops until a final show in Los Angeles at the end of February.

■ Country star Jason Aldean and former "American Idol" contestant Brittany Kerr are engaged. The engagement was confirmed Thursday by a publicist for Aldean. Aldean, 37, filed for divorce from his wife, Jessica, last year. Pictures had surfaced of the singer and Kerr appearing to kiss in a Los Angeles bar.

From The Associated Press

Spears launches lingerie line, talks new album

By ZARA ELDRIDGE
The Associated Press

Britney Spears is branching out.

After 16 years in the music business and nearly 100 million record sales under her belt, the 32-year-old singer has added "designer" to her busy résumé.

The pop star launched her debut collection of lingerie and sleepwear, called "The Intimate Britney Spears," in London on

Sept. 23.

The line, which Spears describes as "romantic, feminine and sexy," has been 2½ years in the making.

"It's been a really long process, but it's been a lot of fun," said Spears, who says she's become "obsessed" with lingerie.

Spears flew into London to promote the collection during a break in performing at the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. Despite crisscrossing the globe and appearing in the

world's most prestigious venues, Spears believes her two-year residency in Vegas is "ideal" and "really grounding" for her two young sons, Sean Preston and Jayden.

"Looking back now and I see how I used to travel around the world and I am like 'oh my god, I must have been out of my mind.' It was really crazy," she said.

Spears' time in Vegas comes to an end in February. In the meantime, she'll also be working on her ninth studio album. A release date is yet to be announced.



ANDY KROPA, INVISION/AP

Britney Spears attends "The Intimate Britney Spears" presentation in New York on Sept. 9. The pop star launched her debut collection on Sept. 23.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP



JAE C. HONG/AP

Skating past a Scout project

A boy rides his skateboard past a mural outside Betty Plasencia Elementary School in Los Angeles on Thursday. The mural was painted as part of an Eagle Scout project led by Dennis Gonzalez.

Cow on ranch dies after being pelted with balls

AZ PHOENIX — Phoenix police said a family's pet cow died after being pelted with softballs.

Sgt. Steve Martos told KPHO-TV that the family found the animal with severe injuries on their north Phoenix ranch Friday morning.

Martos said the cow was surrounded by more than a dozen softballs. The cow had to be euthanized by a veterinarian, who told authorities a potato launcher was likely used because of how badly the animal was hurt.

Police are investigating the incident for possible charges of animal cruelty.

Fraternity: Hazing not a factor in student death

SC CLEMSON — The national office of Sigma Phi Epsilon said its investigation has found no evidence linking hazing to the death of a Clemson University student who fell from a bridge.

However, the office said in a news release Saturday that the Clemson chapter remains under suspended operations after learning that university administrators were aware of morning runs for new members. The office said that may violate the fraternity's policies and procedures.

On Wednesday, Oconee County deputies also said they found no evidence linking the death of Tucker Hipps, 19, to hazing. Authorities said Hipps was running with fellow Sigma Phi Epsilon members before dawn when he fell behind.

His body was found that evening under a bridge.

THE CENSUS

2 The number of heads on a baby snapping turtle that was found by a woman in Maine. The turtle was trying to cross a road when it was found by Kathleen Talbot, of Hudson. Talbot was watching turtle hatchlings to make sure they arrived safely at the other side of the street. She noticed one of the turtles had been left behind. It was so dirty that Talbot thought at first that it had two feet in front. It wasn't until she got home and washed off the turtle that she realized it had two heads. She named it Frank and Stein.



Severed bear head found on Bear Drive

CO STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — A severed bear head discovered in a Steamboat Springs neighborhood came from a bear that was legally hunted.

The head was found Thursday on Bear Drive at Val d'Isere Circle.

The Steamboat Pilot & Today reported that Colorado Parks and Wildlife determined that the head came from a bear legally hunted.

The investigation determined that the hunter severed the head in preparation for tanning the hide. The hunter put the head in a tree where he thought it would be safe, but something got to it.

Wildlife officer Steve Baumgartner said a dog or another bear was the likely culprit.

Man refuses to move for helicopter landing

FL DAYTONA BEACH — A central Florida man was arrested after deputies say he refused to move his car so a helicopter could land and transport a victim to the hospital following a serious car crash.

Volusia County officials said Tessa George, 26, lost control of her vehicle Thursday and struck a tree. Deputies called for a helicopter to airlift George to the hospital and blocked off traffic for the landing.

Authorities said James Allen, 52, a physician's assistant, refused to move his car. The Daytona Beach News-Journal reported that he was charged with failure to obey police/fire department and resisting an officer without violence. He was released on his own recognizance Friday after spending a night at Volusia County Branch Jail.

Two men charged with trying to steal ginseng

MD FRIENDSVILLE — Two Kentucky men have been charged with trying to steal more than \$5,000 worth of ginseng root from a garden in western Maryland.

Maryland state police said the attempted theft occurred early on Sept. 20 in Friendsville. Police said troopers arrived at the scene to find two men digging up a large number of the plants.

Police said the men had extracted more than 10 pounds of ginseng root, which is used in a variety of nutritional supplements.

Police identified the men as Terry Blankenship, 46, of Dewitt, Ky., and Daniel Warren, 32, of Cannon, Ky. They've been charged with felony theft and trespassing.

3 who worked at ground zero die in single day

NY NEW YORK — Three retired firefighters who worked at ground zero died

on the same day from cancer, an illness that many fear might be connected to toxic World Trade Center dust released on Sept. 11, 2001, fire officials said Thursday.

Lt. Howard Bischoff, 58, and firefighters Robert Leaver, 56, and Daniel Heglund, 58, died within hours of one another on Sept. 22.

Their deaths are "a painful reminder that 13 years later we continue to pay a terrible price for the department's heroic efforts," Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro said in a statement.

Man guilty of assault during police stop

OR MEDFORD — An Alaska man has been convicted of assaulting a police officer during a drunken-driving arrest after a jury rejected his claim that he was brutalized by the officers.

Chad R. Paxton, 29, of Soldotna, Alaska, was stopped in Medford in December 2012.

The Medford Mail Tribune reported that a dashboard camera shows a female police officer attempting to arrest Paxton, with another officer coming to her aid.

The three tumbled to the ground, where police say Paxton struck both officers before sprinting to a nearby scrap metal pile. Paxton's girlfriend, Shilo Schalk, is shown in the video attempting to steal a police car to escape. A civilian in the car who accompanied the officers on a ride-along stopped her. Paxton

was eventually detained.

Man cheats neighbor suffering with dementia

NJ EAST ORANGE — A northern New Jersey man has admitted to conning his 90-year-old dementia-stricken neighbor out of \$50,000.

Acting Attorney General John Hoffman said Gilbert Vaughn, 64, pleaded guilty Friday to insurance fraud, theft and identity theft charges. He faces a five-year prison term when he's sentenced Nov. 14.

Hoffman said Vaughn and the victim were neighbors in an East Orange senior citizen community.

In July 2013, the state's Public Guardian's Office placed the victim into state guardianship, citing his dementia and that he didn't have family members willing or able to help him. Hoffman said Vaughn testified as a witness at the Guardian's Office hearings, saying the victim needed to be protected from his children, who he claimed were taking advantage of his finances.

Starting the next month, authorities said, Vaughn persuaded the victim to withdraw money from an annuity he held. The \$50,000 was withdrawn before the account was frozen.

Vaughn was arrested in June after Bloomfield police pulled him over while he was driving the victim's car. Authorities said he gave police the victim's license and impersonated him.

From wire reports



☐ FOOTBALL ☐ FÚTBOL

FOR AMERICANS, VOTING COMES EASY.

If you're military, a military family member or an American living overseas and haven't received your State ballot, simply go to FVAP.gov for help getting your backup absentee ballot so you can send your most important vote back home.



FVAP.gov

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Rule: Calls allowed on European flights

By DAVID RISING
The Associated Press

BERLIN — European skies may soon be alive with the sound of small talk with new safety rules allowing the use of all portable electronics, including cellphones, at any time during flights.

Under guidelines issued Friday by the European Aviation Safety Agency, European airlines can allow passengers to use electronics during the entire flight, without putting them into "airplane mode."

"We're basically opening the door where, in theory, you'll be able to continue making your phone call through the gate throughout the flight ... like you would on a train," spokesman Ilias Margaritis told The Associated Press.

Standing in the way is the difficulty of getting a cellphone signal at high altitudes, and even how passengers will react to the thought of sitting next to a chatbox across the Atlantic.



PETER MORRISON/AP

Aircraft are parked at Belfast City airport, Northern Ireland, in April 2010. The European Aviation Safety Agency said that European airlines can allow passengers to leave electronics on during entire flights.

That'll be up to the airlines to figure out as they implement the new rules. In most European trains, for example, there are "silent" cars where talking on phones is prohibited, but it seems

unlikely a scheme like that would work on anything but the largest jets.

In addition to phones, the guidelines apply to all other portable electronics, including book

readers, tablet computers, mp3 players and other devices.

EASA, which is based in Cologne, Germany, said the new rules are effective immediately and apply to any airplane operated by a European-based carrier, no matter where the flight originates.

Airlines will now need to decide what devices they will allow and how they will allow them to be used. In practice, that will likely take several months as airlines will first have to certify that their planes aren't affected by transmission signals.

EASA cautioned that even within airlines, the devices allowed could depend upon the aircraft type. Older models would require more modifications to make sure the use of handsets is safe.

"Basically we are saying you can have it switched on, and it's up to the airline first to allow you," Margaritis said. He declined to say what, if any, airlines intended to offer gate-to-gate handset use.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Sept. 29)	\$1.3975
Dollar buys (Sept. 29)	€0.7648
British pound (Sept. 29)	\$1.67
Japanese yen (Sept. 29)	106.00
South Korean won (Sept. 29)	1,016.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6265/€1.6148
Canada (dollar)	1.1132
China (Yuan)	6.1270
Denmark (Krone)	5.9638
Egypt (Pound)	1.1525
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.2697/€1.2476
Hungary (Forint)	786.14
Israel (Shekel)	3.6788
Japan (Yen)	109.25
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2879
Norway (Krone)	6.4404
Philippines (Peso)	44.95
Poland (Zloty)	3.29
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7513
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2725
South Korea (Won)	1,047.22
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9506
Thailand (Baht)	32.33
Turkey (Lira)	2.2636

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the euro, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	3.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	3.21

WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Arlington, Tex	86	66	Cldy	Chatanooga	80	61	Cldy	Fort Wayne	79	53	Clr	Louisville	84	60	Clr
Ashburn, Va	81	61	Cldy	Cheyenne	66	44	Rain	Fresno	83	62	Clr	Lubbock	79	62	PCldy
Albuquerque	78	52	Clr	Chicago	80	54	PCldy	Goodland	80	51	Clr	Macon	74	66	Clr
Albany, N.Y.	76	57	Cldy	Cincinnati	82	57	PCldy	Grand Junction	67	44	Cldy	Madison	80	45	PCldy
Albuquerque	76	51	Rain	Cleveland	77	54	Clr	Grand Rapids	77	51	PCldy	Medford	75	54	PCldy
Allentown, Pa.	79	54	Cldy	Colorado Springs	74	42	Cldy	Great Falls	66	50	Cldy	Memphis	86	66	Clr
Amarillo	79	56	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	75	63	Rain	Green Bay	68	43	Clr	Miami Beach	88	77	Clr
Anchorage	49	34	PCldy	Columbus, Ga.	76	66	Rain	Greensboro, N.C.	67	58	Clr	Midland-Odessa	85	65	PCldy
Asheville	67	57	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	81	57	PCldy	Hartford	78	56	Cldy	Milwaukee	76	49	Clr
Atlanta	74	64	Rain	Concord, N.H.	76	50	Cldy	Hartford Spgld	79	56	Cldy	Mpls-St Paul	64	48	Clr
Atlantic City	80	58	Cldy	Corpus Christi	89	72	Clr	Hellena	68	46	Cldy	Missoula	67	45	Cldy
Austin	91	67	Clr	Dallas-Ft. Worth	89	70	Clr	Honolulu	91	75	Cldy	Mobile	75	52	Clr
Baltimore	78	61	Cldy	Dayton	80	56	PCldy	Houston	89	71	Cldy	Montgomery	79	66	Cldy
Baton Rouge	85	70	Cldy	Daytona Beach	88	75	Rain	Huntsville	85	60	Cldy	Nashville	84	60	PCldy
Bilings	66	47	Cldy	Denver	73	46	Rain	Indianapolis	81	57	Clr	New Orleans	83	73	Cldy
Birmingham	77	64	Cldy	Des Moines	83	59	Clr	Jackson, Miss.	85	66	Cldy	New York City	81	63	Cldy
Bismarck	61	52	Cldy	Detroit	79	55	PCldy	Jacksonville	84	71	Rain	Newark	83	63	Cldy
Boise	62	47	Rain	Duluth	48	41	Cldy	Jamez	53	45	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	78	64	Cldy
Boston	74	57	Cldy	El Paso	87	66	Cldy	Kansas City	83	62	Clr	North Platte	80	55	Clr
Bridgeport	62	40	Cldy	Elkins	76	47	Cldy	Kearney	80	60	PCldy	Omaha	81	60	Clr
Brownsville	90	75	PCldy	Erie	74	56	Cldy	Knoxville	78	59	Cldy	Orlando	89	74	Rain
Buffalo	77	54	Clr	Eugene	69	49	Cldy	Lake Charles	87	70	PCldy	Paducah	85	57	Clr
Burlington, Vt.	71	53	Cldy	Evansville	83	58	Clr	Lansing	76	51	PCldy	Pendleton	70	50	PCldy
Caribou, Maine	64	40	Cldy	Fairbanks	42	30	Cldy	Las Vegas	83	64	PCldy	Penn	81	58	Clr
Charleston, S.C.	81	66	Rain	Fargo	59	48	Cldy	Lexington	83	58	PCldy	Philadelphia	80	61	Cldy
Charleston, W.Va.	79	58	Cldy	Flagstaff	62	34	Clr	Lincoln	82	60	Clr	Phoenix	89	67	Cldy
Charlotte, N.C.	68	61	Rain	Flint	77	50	PCldy	Little Rock	87	63	PCldy	Pittsburgh	77	54	Cldy
				Fort Smith	87	62	Clr	Los Angeles	76	65	PCldy				

National temperature extremes
Hi: Sat., 95, Phoenix, Ariz., and Death Valley, Calif.
Lo: Sat., 28, Daguerre Pass, Nev.

Stripes

SERVICE DIRECTORY

The Daily Guide to Navigating the European Business Market



Attorneys 178

NICKEL

US & German Attorneys

US & German Divorces • Employment
Wills and Probate • Support Issues
Personal Injury • Tax

Contract
Issues

Call 069-299-2069-0
Email: maiss@nickelonline.de

**EUROPE'S PREMIER
MILITARY DEFENSE FIRM**

COURT & CARPENTER
Over 45 years defending
service members

Heilbronner Strasse 150,
70191 Stuttgart, Germany
Phone in Germany: 0711 490 04320
www.militarylawfirm.eu

**Law Offices Joseph K. Kelso
U.S. Attorney at Law**

Specializing in:
U.S. Federal Employment Law,
Administrative Boards, Personal Injury and
Medical Malpractice, Claims, International
Contracts and Immigration Law.

Frankfurt am Main
Tel: (06108) 797579 • Fax: (06108) 799622
joseph-kelso@t-online.de

Dental 902

**American
Dental Care**

Services Offered:
Family Dentistry
Certified Orthodontics
Crowns and Veneers
Implant Surgery
Zoom Teeth Whitening
Wisdom Teeth Surgery
Nitrous Oxide
Saturday & Evening Appointments
Caring, Friendly American Staff

LOCATIONS

Wiesbaden Dental Care
06119 887 2650
Bahnstrasse 14, 65205 Wiesbaden
Wiesbadendental.com

Ramstein Dental Care
06371 406230
Post Strasse 1, 66877 Ramstein
Ramsteindental.com

Certified American Dental
Hygienists
TRICARE Preferred Provider

Transportation

**VEHICLE
SHIPPING SERVICES**

- International Shipping
- Import & Export
- Inland trucking (U.S. & Europe)
- Door to door pick-up/delivery service
- Customs clearance
- All Risk Marine Insurance
- Auto Insurance (Germany only)

For Further Information Please Contact

Phone: Toll-free: E-Mail: WEB:	GERMANY +49-6134-2592730 0800-CARSHIP (Germany only) info@transglobal-logistics.de www.transglobal-logistics.de	UNITED KINGDOM +44-117 938 1919 0800-7839351 (UK only) info@carshipuk.co.uk www.carshipuk.co.uk	USA +1-972-602-1670 +1-800-264-8167 (US only) info@tgalus.com www.tgalus.com
---	---	---	--

For 2nd POV Shipments - Offices / Agencies near Military Installations

Trans Global

LOGISTICS EUROPE GMBH

Dental 902

Over 90% Non-Extraction

Member
American Association of
Orthodontists

Convenient Payment Plans
No Referral Necessary
Evening & Weekends
TriCare Provider

American Orthodontist
Dr. Michael Dillon, DDS, MS (Orthod)
Univ of Maryland, Former USAF
All Treatment Fees in US \$

06371-918911
www.dillonortho.com

Dillon
Orthodontic
Care

**Off Duty?
Amuse Yourself!**

Concerts, events, TV,
movies, music, video games,
celebrity antics...

Get entertained with...

STARS AND STRIPES

Financial Services 904

LOANS up to \$10,000

For Active Duty U.S. Military

Call Toll Free

Germany: 0800 YES-LOAN
Italy/Belgium: 00800 YES-LOANS
Stateside: +1.931.802.6522

www.yesomni.com

omni
MILITARY LOANS

"We love to say yes"®

© Omni Financial - ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. All loans subject to approval.

Transportation 944

Interglobal Shipping GmbH

Specialized Shipping to/from the US & Canada
Autos, Household Goods, Personal Belongings
Contact your Pro's at the Docks today!!!
info@interglobalshipping.de
www.interglobalshipping.de

Tel: (0421) 540-650 Fax: (0421) 540-6565
Toll free: 0800 000 0311

Ship Cars and Containers to and from the USA

WSA
WORLDWIDE SHIPPING AGENTS

OPENING HOURS: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon - Fri
0800-522-6274 or 800-WSA-SHIP (972-7447)
For a free rate request, please email: info@worldwide-ship.de
Visit our Website: www.worldwide-ship.de

Transportation 944

transcar

Dependable POV Shipping

20 Years Experience
supporting the U.S. Military Community

Professional, Proud Provider of
Superior Customer Service

Port-to-Port or Door-to-Door Delivery Options

All-Inclusive Rates: No Hidden or Surprise Fees

Please contact us for more information and a quotation:
Toll Free (In Germany): 0800-transcar (87267227)
Outside Germany: +49 (0) 6146 6070
Email: pvshipping@transcar.de
Web: <http://pvshipping.transcar.de>

**Are you in
the picture?**

Reading Stars and Stripes
gives you a better handle on
issues that affect you most.

*No one covers the
bases the way we do.*

STARS AND STRIPES

However you read us, wherever you need us.

STARS AND STRIPES

Max D. Lederer Jr., Publisher
Richard Braun, General Manager, Europe
Lt. Col. Michael C. Bailey, Europe commander
Lt. Col. Brian Choate, Pacific commander
Terry M. Wegner, Pacific Business Operations

EDITORIAL

Terry Leonard, Editor
leonard.terry@stripes.com
Robert H. Reid, Senior Managing Editor
reid.robert@stripes.com
Sam Amrhein, Managing Editor International
amrhein.sam@stripes.com
Tina Croley, Managing Editor for Content
croley.tina@stripes.com
Sean Moores, Managing Editor for Presentation
moor.sean@stripes.com
Joe Gromelski, Managing Editor for Digital
gromelski.joe@stripes.com

BUREAU STAFF

Europe/Mideast

Teddie Weyr, Europe & Mideast Bureau Chief
weyrteddie@stripes.com
+49(0)631.3615.9310, cell
+49(0)173.315.1881; DSN (314)583.9310

Pacific

Paul Alexander, Pacific Bureau Chief
alexander.paul@stripes.com
+81-3 6385.5377; cell (080)583.1673
DSN (315)225.5377

Washington

Patrick Dickson, Washington Bureau Chief
dickson.patrick@stripes.com
+1(202)761.0908, DSN 312763.0908
Brian Bowers, Assistant Managing Editor, News
bowers.brian@stripes.com
Amanda Trypanis, Design Desk Supervisor
trypanis.amanda@stripes.com

CONTACT US

Washington

fax: +1(202) 761.0900; DSN 312763.0900;
tel: +1(202) 761.0890
529 14th Street NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC
20045-1301

Reader letters

letters@stripes.com

Additional contacts

stripes.com/contactus

OMBUDESMAN

Ernie Gates

The Stars and Stripes ombudsman protects the free flow of news and information, reporting any attempts by the military or other authorities to undermine the newspaper's independence.

The ombudsman responds to concerns and questions from readers, and monitors coverage for fairness, accuracy, timeliness and balance. The ombudsman welcomes comments from readers, and can be contacted by email at ombudsman@stripes.com, or by phone at 202.761.0587.

Stars and Stripes (USPS 0417900) is published weekdays (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 31) for 50 cents Monday through Thursday and for \$1 on Friday by Pacific Stars and Stripes, Unit 45002, APO AP 96338-5002. Periodicals postage paid at San Francisco, CA. Postmaster: Send address changes to Pacific Stars and Stripes, Unit 45002, APO AP 96338-5002.

This newspaper is authorized by the Department of Defense for members of the military services overseas. However, the contents of Stars and Stripes are unofficial, and are not to be considered as the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government. As a GPO and newspaper, Stars and Stripes may be distributed through official channels and use appropriated funds for publication and remote locations where overseas DOD personnel are located.

The appearance of advertising in this publication does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense or Stars and Stripes of the products or services advertised. Products or services advertised shall be made available for purchase, use or sale without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

© Stars and Stripes 2014

stripes.com

OPINION

Afghanistan's triumph of statesmanship

By JOHN KERRY

On Monday in Kabul, the Afghan people will inaugurate their next president, one who will work in tandem with the country's first chief executive officer — marking the first democratic transfer of power in Afghanistan's history and the first peaceful leadership transition in more than 40 years.

This moment was not easily arrived at, and it belongs primarily to the millions who courageously went to the polls to vote in April and June in defiance of Taliban threats. The voters' message was unequivocal: No improvised explosive device and no suicide bomber would stand in the way of their country's democratic future. The moment belongs also to Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah, two statesmen who put their country's interests first and came together to form a government of national unity following a very contentious election.

The United States supported a credible, transparent and inclusive electoral process without favoring any particular candidate. It was precisely because of our clear neutrality and commitment to the Afghan democratic process that both sides invited our support when serious allegations of electoral fraud emerged after the runoff election. Of course we helped the candidates address both the electoral fraud and the potentially dangerous political divide that the candidates were facing, but Afghans and Afghans alone made the tough decisions.

And for those at home who are quick to question Afghanistan's democracy, they might ask themselves whether they believe that — in less than 90 days — two U.S. presidential candidates could transform a bitter and hotly contested campaign into a unity government with an exceptionally strong mandate to govern. (Flipping the pages of our own history back to the 2000 election, the answer might provoke some humility or at least some perspective on how difficult it can be.) No, the process wasn't simple. Yes, there were many high-wire moments when it seemed just as likely that Afghanistan's political future could lurch in dangerous directions. But in the end, statesmanship and compromise triumphed. Perhaps Washington could take a lesson from Kabul.

Where do we go from here? Afghanistan's new government is built on a common vision for economic reform, honest govern-



MASSOUD HOSSAIN/AP

Afghan presidential candidates Abdullah Abdullah, left, and Ashraf Ghani hold their papers after signing a power-sharing deal at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sept. 21.

ment, security and peace. Both Ghani and Abdullah ran their campaigns on platforms of inclusive, broad-based government. The government of national unity is their way of honoring those promises.

Those promises must now be met in actions, not words. The tough decisions among Afghans did not end with the unity government or with this inauguration — in fact, they're only beginning. The Afghan people and their new government face serious economic and security challenges. Continued U.S. and international assistance, along with the economic reforms that Afghanistan's new political leaders promised, will help the country ameliorate its budget shortfall. President Ghani and CEO Abdullah promised their voters that they would sign the U.S.-Afghanistan Bilateral Security Agreement as one of their first acts in office. It will provide the legal framework for the United States to continue to train, advise and assist Afghan national security forces, so Afghanistan will never again be a haven for terrorists.

But even as the path ahead is challenging, we already have proof of concept that Afghanistan can beat the odds: Just look at the important strides in the past decade. Afghans are living longer and healthier lives, girls are in school and a remarkable

free media keeps citizens informed. Afghan troops are fighting and dying for their country, but they are holding ground. Together with the international community, the security and economic assistance we pledged in Chicago and Tokyo will be crucial to that progress in the next decade.

The gains of the past decade — for the security of our country and our allies and in the lives of the Afghan people — have been won with blood and treasure. They must not be lost. I reminded the men who now lead Afghanistan that we were committed to their country for the long haul but that we measured that commitment in our ability to credibly look a combat-disabled American veteran or a Gold Star mother in the eye and tell them that, going forward, Afghans themselves would compromise and govern as selflessly and effectively as Americans fought and sacrificed for them and with them the past 10 years. Our job now is to support Afghanistan for the Afghans — and to stay committed to a country of people who believe in a better future with an inclusive government that serves them all. Even as this political transition concludes and as Afghanists takes responsibility for its own security, we must continue to support that aspiration.

The writer is U.S. secretary of state. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

Holder's tenure marked by fight for justice

Los Angeles Times editorial

With Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr.'s resignation, President Barack Obama faces the loss of someone who is not just a legal adviser and Cabinet member, but a close friend who has often dared to say what one suspects the president himself was thinking but was unwilling to speak aloud.

Holder is the first black ever to serve as attorney general, and he got the job, of course, from the first black president. Almost from the first moments of the administration, however, the president has skittered around fractious conversations of race while Holder has engaged them squarely, if not always skillfully.

It was Holder who, just a month into the new administration, challenged the notion that the U.S. was genuinely an ethnic melting pot. On matters of race, he offered, it was "essentially a nation of cowards." It was Holder who fumed at his treatment by a House committee and suggested that

members were hard on him and the president because of their race.

It was Holder, not Obama, who traveled to Ferguson, Mo., to help calm a community riven by riots after a white police officer shot a young, black man. The trip to Ferguson may have been ill-advised — it placed Holder in the dual role of assuaging anger at the police department while supervising a presumably impartial investigation into whether that same department was violating civil rights laws.

But his stalwart determination to confront injustice has been a strength as well. Among other things, he has defended eminent voting rights, pressed hard for marriage equality and initiated an important overhaul of federal drug sentencing laws.

There were plenty of disappointments

during the Holder years. He tried to put Khalid Shaikh Mohammed on trial in New York, then pulled back in the face of congressional opposition. He tiptoed around the financial crisis, led overzealous attempts to punish officials who leaked to journalists and was held in contempt of Congress for refusing to cooperate with an investigation of gun trafficking at the border.

Holder's close relationship with Obama — they often vacation together — fueled suspicion among their critics that the attorney general has failed to vigorously pursue allegations of governmental wrongdoing, from the gun trafficking case to the claims that the IRS targeted conservative groups.

Most of those allegations are nonsense, and serve as a reminder that Holder has spent much of his tenure in combat with shrill partisans. That's not his fault, and his irritation with those critics has been understandable. Like Obama, he's faced abhorrent, unreasonable opponents, also like Obama, though, he's occasionally deserved their criticism.

Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



LISA BENSON/Washington Post Writers Group



WALT HANDELSMAN/Tribune Content Agency



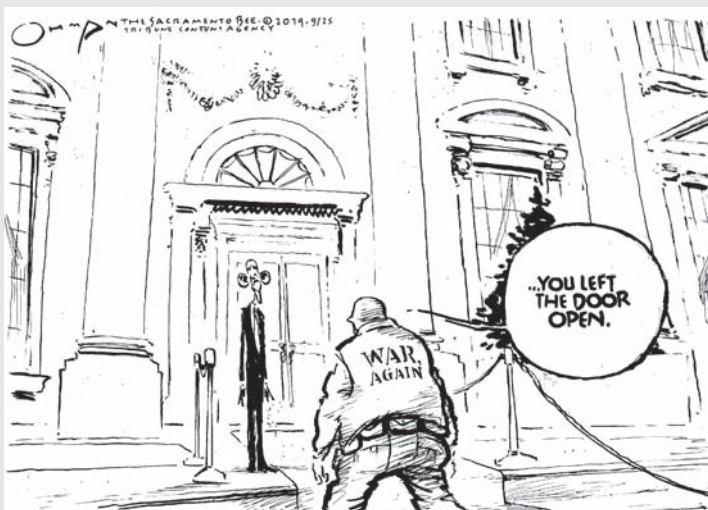
JACK OHMAN/Tribune Content Agency



WALT HANDELSMAN/Tribune Content Agency



WALT HANDELSMAN/Tribune Content Agency



JACK OHMAN/Tribune Content Agency

SPORTS BRIEFS/HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

Kansas fires Weis 4 games into third season

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Charlie Weis arrived at Kansas full of bravado, promising dramatic changes within the long-suffering program. Players were dismissed, offenses and defenses were scrapped. Assistant coaches were hired, fired or simply reassigned.

In the end, the one thing that needed to change — on-field results — stayed the same.

Weis was fired four games into his third season on Sunday, one day after a 23-0 loss to Texas on homecoming left the brass coach with a 6-22 record in his second head coaching stint.

Weis, who earned a reputation as an offensive mastermind with the New England Patriots, was fired by Notre Dame in 2009 after five seasons at its alma mater.

Defensive coordinator Clint Bowen will serve as interim coach of the Jayhawks, who are 2-2 on the season. They play at West Virginia on Saturday.

Johnson keeps flyweight title at UFC 178

LAS VEGAS — Demetrious Johnson retained his flyweight title Saturday night at UFC 178, submitting Chris Cariaso in the second round.

Johnson easily scored a takedown in the first round and stunned Cariaso with a looping right hook, followed by a knee to the jaw as the horn sounded to end the round.

Johnson kept the pressure on in the second round, taking control after Cariaso's slip. Johnson swiftly maneuvered into side control, landed a few elbows and secured a Kimura, forcing Cariaso to tap out at 2:29 of the second.

Kyle Busch wins Dover Nationwide race

DOVER, Del. — Kyle Busch dominated again in the Nationwide Series and won Saturday's race at Dover International Speedway.

Busch won for the fifth time this season and 68th time in his career in NASCAR's second-tier series. He led 101 of the 200 laps on the mile concrete track for the season sweep.

Polesetter Joey Logano was second. Chase Elliott, Chris Buescher and Elliott Sadler completed the top five.

Elliott maintained his points lead with five races left.

In other racing news:

• Erik Jones raced to his second Camping World Truck victory of the year Saturday night, holding off Kyle Busch Motorsports teammate Darrell Wallace Jr. at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

76ers acquire Bogans in trade with Cavaliers

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia 76ers acquired guard Keith Bogans and a 2018 second-round draft pick from the Cleveland Cavaliers on Saturday for their 2015 second-round pick.

The Cavaliers will receive a trade exception of approximately \$5.3 million without taking up a roster spot.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

Panthers leaving nothing to chance

After missing volleyball title match on tiebreakers last year, Patch is undefeated this season

By GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes



An unusual three-way tiebreaker left Patch sidelined at last season's European volleyball championship as Ramstein and Lakenheath advanced to the title round. So far this fall, however, all the numbers are in the Panthers' favor.

Patch is 6-0 after two more victories Saturday at Viseck and is one of just two undefeated teams left in Division I. The team didn't drop a set Saturday.

The Panthers have already beaten defending champion Ramstein twice, including Saturday's win, and the scores suggest Patch is getting better. The team took five sets to knock off the Royals on Sept. 13, the opening day of the season. Two weeks later, the Panthers beat the reigning champions in straight sets.

In fact, Patch hasn't dropped a set since that opening-day marathon with Ramstein. Saturday's other victim, Viseck, couldn't manage more than 18 points in a set against the Panthers.

After losing many of its top-flight stars and returning just five varsity players, Patch is succeeding with depth and versatility. The stars on Saturday were legion, a roster led by serving specialists Abby Zipperer and Emily Ortwein and libero Janey Greenberg.

The Panthers will encounter their remaining unconquered divisional rival Saturday when fellow undefeated squad Wiesbaden visits Stuttgart. A win there would make Patch a championship favorite.

AFNORTH: The Lions tied visiting SHAPE in a hard-fought boys tennis showdown thanks largely to the efforts of Luke Bonenacker. The AFNORTH ace swept his singles match and teamed with Vladimir Kier for a No. 1 doubles win.

Alconbury: The Dragon boys tennis team swept

Brussels on Friday behind an impressive team-wide showing. Dylan Horwath, Joey Behr, Russell Redcliffe and Bradley Russell all earned singles and doubles victories for Alconbury.

American Overseas School of Rome: Falcon star Margo Snipe posted a remarkable stat line across Friday and Saturday wins over Marymount. The returning star racked up 15 aces, 19 kills and 10 digs on the weekend.

Cougar: Kelly McCaskill nearly took over Saturday's anticipated matchup between Division I girls cross country contenders Julia Lockridge of Patch and Madison Morse of Ramstein. McCaskill finished second to Lockridge in a time of 56 seconds.

Aviano: The Saints continued to hold their own in a tough region featuring the likes of Hohenfels, Vicenza and Naples. Saturday's 38-22 homecoming defeat of AFNORTH moved Aviano to 2-2 entering its regular-season finale at Naples.

Baumholder: Bucs runner Daniel Sparks fared well against a tough cross-country field featuring Division I foes Lakenheath and Kaiserslautern on Saturday. Sparks cracked the 20-minute barrier, taking fourth place at 19:35.

Bitburg: Barons football star Curtis Wilson personally restarted the momentum lost in the previous weekend's defeat at Ansbach with a brilliant performance Saturday. Wilson ran back the opening kickoff for an early lead and grew it with three second-half touchdowns in a 36-6 defeat of Lora.

Brussels: Brigands girls tennis ace Laura Yedigaryan landed a pair of blows against Alconbury on Saturday. She took 12 of 13 games in her straight-set singles win and teamed with Moulton Maloney on a victory at No. 1 doubles.



ADAM L. MATHER/Stars and Stripes

Ramstein's Ben Ciero is tripped up by a Lakenheath defender Saturday. But Ciero, who transferred to Ramstein from Lakenheath, got the last laugh, scoring twice as the Royals routed the Lancers 54-0.

Hohenfels: David Vidovic had every answer Saturday as the defending Division II champion Tigers fought off a challenge from Naples. The reigning Stars and Stripes football Athlete of the Year racked up 369 yards and three touchdowns on the ground and returned a kickoff 90 yards for another six points as Hohenfels scratched out a 40-28 win.

International School of Brussels: The Raiders finally made their point(s) on Saturday. After going scoreless over the first two weeks of the football season, ISB got halfway to 100 in a 50-32 shootout victory over Alconbury.

Kaiserslautern: There were four other teams besides the Raiders in Saturday's girls cross country race at Bitburg, but you'd have had to wait at the finish line awhile to see them. Kaiserslautern runners took the top six spots in the race, led by individual winner Megan Kieck.

Lakenheath: Lancer Kyle Kerr was a runaway winner in the boys cross country meet Saturday at Bitburg. Kerr's victorious time of 18 minutes, 32 seconds was the first 43 seconds ahead of the rest of the field.

Menwith Hill: The Mustangs' combined football enterprise with nearby Woodham yielded its first tangible results Saturday. Chris Armstrong scored both touchdowns, including the overtime game-winner, in the team's 16-10 win over Baumholder.

Naples: The Wildcats are in the midst of DODDS Europe's most grueling football schedule. They've already played and come up short against elite teams such as Ansbach and Hohenfels; now undefeated Vicenza comes calling next weekend.

Ramstein: The Royals improved to 2-0 on their young football season with a victory at Lakenheath

on Saturday. But Ramstein has put up an even more impressive zero this season: The Royals haven't allowed a point this season and have outscored its opponents 146-0.

Rota: Saturday's 36-6 football loss to Bitburg won't necessarily prevent the Admirals from finishing with a winning record after going winless. Rota can clinch an above-.500 mark with a home-field victory over winless AFNORTH on Saturday.

SHAPE: The Spartans were untouchable on the girls tennis courts Saturday. Ace Mariana Kyriou and top doubles tandem Sarah Dellorso and Evelyn Claire Brunelle won in dominant fashion to fuel a 9-0 victory over Alconbury.

The Jaguars: ac a disappointing 0-6 this girls volleyball season, but all of those losses have come to the same upper-division opponents in Naples and Aviano. Their horizons expand in October, featuring matches against Vicenza, AOSR, Marymount and Florence.

Vicenza: The Cougars were pushed to the limit Saturday but came away with two hard-earned girls volleyball victories, one a five-set marathon over Aviano and the other a four-set decision over Florence. Soliyah Stevens-Oguz totaled 22 kills, 12 digs and six aces on the day.

Viseck: The Falcons got the job done against smaller, regional neighbor Ansbach on multiple courts Saturday. The volleyball team took a four-set decision, while both Viseck tennis teams swept the Cougars 7-0.

Wiesbaden: Neither Kaiserslautern nor Baumholder had a chance against a rolling Warriors volleyball team Saturday. Wiesbaden took six straight sets on the day and held its opponent to single-digit points in four of them.

HIGH SCHOOLS: DODDS PACIFIC

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

Kinnick grabs top spot in D-I standings

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

There's a new leader atop the Far East Division I football standings.

With Dre Paylor fueling the offense, George Calbert pacing a stingy defense and a newfound scoring weapon in kicker Brady Yoder, Kinnick downed Seoul American 31-8 on Saturday, seizing first place in the race for spots in the D-I title game Nov. 8.

But coach Dan Joley said he's not taking a thing for granted. Understandable, since the Red Devils began last season 5-0, then lost five of their last six games.

"We're taking it one week at a time and looking at the big picture," Joley said. "If you take things one week at a time, then at the end of the season, good things will happen."

With the win, Kinnick improved to 2-0 in the D-I standings, a half-game ahead of Kadena and defending champion Kubasaki, each 2-1. The top two teams in the regular season meet Nov. 8 at the site of the team with the best record.

On a blustery day with northerly winds gusting up to 30 mph, Paylor rushed 26 times for 236 yards and three touchdowns. That gives him 779 yards on the season, second in the Pacific behind Kadena's Justin Sego.

Kyle O'Brien also ran for a score, but raising the more eyebrows was perhaps Yoder, new to the team. A proficient soccer player, Joley brought him in to see what he could accomplish. He has yet to miss an extra point and he booted a DODDS Japan-record 48-yard goal.

"He's been a real find, absolute," Joley said of Yoder.

Kubasaki: Sophomore receiver Javohn Jourmain caught a 30-yard touchdown pass in the closing seconds, rallying the Dragons past arch-rival Kadena 28-25. Jourmain finished with 47 yards on four catches. DeCurtis Davis had 197 yards of offense and threw for four touchdowns.

Kadena: Sego recorded 350 all-purpose yards in the losing cause for the Panthers. He rushed 34 times for 219 yards and scored three times, one on a 38-yard pass from Jamario Harris. He also had an interception.

Seoul American: Falcons cross country boys and girls teams are no longer unbeaten, the boys falling 23-32 to Korea International and the girls losing 26-29 to Seoul Foreign. But they each are 11-1 and very much in the thick of the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference chase.

Osan: Setter Haeley Deeney showed good ability at dishing out the assists that hitters Michele Thompson and Andrea Carandang turned into the kills that boosted the Cougars past reigning Far East Division II champion Daegu, in straight sets in two matches on Saturday.

Humphreys: Following a bye week, Blackhaws football now turns its attention to a Friday home date with defending Far East D-II champion Daegu. The Warriors lead those standings at 3-0; Humphreys is a game back at 2-1 and could tie Daegu for the lead for DODDS Korea's berth in the Nov. 7 title game at the site of the DODDS Japan D-II leader.

Daegu: Daegu's tandem of DeAndre Rosalie and DeMarco Andrews helped keep the Warriors atop those D-II standings, combining for 209 yards and two touchdowns on just nine carries as Daegu recorded its second win of the season over Osan, 33-0 on Friday.

Edgren: They didn't win their two volleyball matches at Kinnick, but the Eagles gave the Red Devils all they could handle. Kinnick survived in four sets on Friday and in five on Saturday. "They came

to play," coach Tony San Nicolas said of three-time Far East D-I runner-up Kinnick. "We were not ready for it and they did really well."

Yokota: Daniel Galvin became the first cross country runner in Kanto Plain history to run the Tama Hills Recreation Center 2.9-mile boys course in under 15 minutes twice in the same season. He and Seisen International freshman Britani Shappell became the first tandem to run under 15 and 13 minutes in the same meet. Girls run a 2.1-mile course.

Zama: Though ultimately failing to Edgren 18-14, the Trojans did get on the scoreboard for the first time this season. Jake Bayardo ran 48 yards for a first-half touchdown, then Zach Dignan fell on a fumble in the end zone in the closing minutes.

M.C. Perry: Samurai football enjoyed its first varsity home game since 2003 and got its first home win in 12 years, downing Sotoku 39-15, getting two rushing touchdowns each from Mick Carreiro and Caaleb Ricafrente. Perry has a three-game winning streak.

E.J. King: Cobras teams all look ahead to road trips the first weekend of October. Cross country heads to a DODDS Japan meet at Edgren, volleyball plays at Perry and the tennis team engages in a Western Japan Athletic Association tournament at Osaka International.

Guam: Despite a seemingly one-sided loss to George Washington, 21-7, Panthers coach Jacob Dowdell insisted the score "in no way" indicated how close it was. Guam held the Geckos to a 7-7 draw into the third quarter before they pulled away late. Now the Panthers point toward their regular-season finale and their only matinee contest, 3 p.m. Saturday at Southern.

ornauer.dave@stripes.com



BILLY EAGMIN/Special to Stars and Stripes

M.C. Perry's Garrett Macias tries to elude the tackle of Sotoku defender Takuma Masuda on Saturday. The Samurai defeated their Japanese counterparts 39-15 for their first varsity home victory in more than a decade.

Real Men's Conference

2014

Absolute Surrender

Deny, Take Up, Follow

17 OCTOBER - FRIDAY 19:00 PM

18 OCTOBER - SATURDAY 10:00 AM

JESUS WORLD OUTREACH CENTER, HEBEL STR. 3, 69115 HEIDELBERG GERMANY

REALMEN2014@JWOC.DE +49 (0) 6221-603209



Founder and Host
Apostle Elisha R. Lawson



ADMISSION
IS

FREE!

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



STACIE SCOTT, THE COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE/AP

Air Force quarterback Kale Pearson (2) rushes the ball upfield against Boise State in the first half on Saturday in Air Force Academy, Colo. Pearson had a career-high 127 yards rushing as Air Force won 28-14 to snap a nine-game losing streak in Mountain West Conference games.

Academies roundup

Air Force stuns Boise State

Navy tripped up by W. Kentucky; Army loses to Yale in OT shootout

The Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — As much as coach Troy Calhoun wanted to reject the notion that this was a signature win for his recovering program, the Air Force players didn't deny their 28-14 domination of Boise State was the kind of statement that will reverberate across the country.

Air Force is back!

After slugging through a 2-10 season last year, the Falcons (3-1, 1-1) ended a nine-game losing skid in the Mountain West Conference with a dismantling of the two-touchdown favorite Broncos, who suffered their worst loss since joining the conference in 2011.

Weston Steelhammer had three interceptions among the Falcons' seven takeaways, including the game-sealer after the Broncos (3-2, 1-1) had rallied for two late scores to slice their 28-point deficit in half.

"I think we were the only ones that believed we weren't the underdogs coming into this week," Steelhammer said. "We knew what it was going to take to beat those guys. And we did."

Pearson rushed for a career-best 127 yards and a TD and threw a touchdown pass as the Falcons beat Boise State for the first time in three tries.

Air Force's five interceptions were more than the Falcons managed all of last season.

Steelhammer had two of the four interceptions thrown by Grant Hedrick before he was yanked late in the third quarter in favor of redshirt freshman Ryan Finley, who threw two late TD passes.

Western Kentucky 36, Navy 27: Brandon Doughty completed 38 of 54 passes for 387 yards with a pair of TDs to lead Western Kentucky over host Navy.

Navy quarterback Keenan Reynolds ran 130 yards on 23 car-

ries with two touchdowns and a fumble. Reynolds has scored in 12 consecutive games, which is also the longest current streak in the nation.

Noah Copeland had 104 yards on just 5 carries, including a 41-yard touchdown in the second quarter for the Midshipmen (2-3). Navy amassed 412 yards rushing.

Yale 49, Army 43 (OT): Tyler Varga ran for five touchdowns including one in overtime to give Yale an upset of Army at the Yale Bowl in New Haven, Conn., in the renewal of a rivalry that dates back 121 years.

Varga ran 28 times for 185 yards for the Bulldogs (2-0). His fourth touchdown, a 10-yard burst through tacklers with 1:42 to play in regulation, tied the game at 43.

Daniel Grochowski missed a 42-yard field goal as time expired and a 25-yarder in overtime for Army (1-3), which has lost three straight.

Hill rallies Aggies by Arkansas in OT

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kenny Hill and No. 6 Texas A&M provided quite a late thrill.

After throwing two long touchdown passes in the fourth quarter, Hill hit Malcolm Kennedy for a 25-yard score on the first play of overtime and Julien Obioha made the game-ending defensive stop for the undefeated Aggies in a 35-28 victory over Arkansas on Saturday.

"We just made the connection on that one," Hill said of the game-winning pass. "They had the defender getting there late, and I threw it to him. He took care of the rest."

Johnny Manziel was on hand with the NFL's Cleveland Browns on a bye week and the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner got to see his Aggies improve to 5-0 for the first time since 2001. He also provided plenty of encouragement for Hill, who was 21-for-41 for 386 yards and four touchdowns.

"He was just kind of trying to get us pumped," Hill said. "He was doing the same thing, telling me, 'You got this. You got this. You got this team down there.'"

The Aggies (5-0, 2-0 South-eastern Conference) trailed 28-14 before Hill hit Edward Pope for an 86-yard pass when defensive back Jared Collins fell down and left the receiver running all alone. Hill then found Josh Reynolds for a tying 59-yard TD with 2:08 left, only two plays after Arkansas missed a field goal.

Texas A&M had a chance to end the game in regulation, getting the ball back with 1:18 left and no timeouts. Kennedy's 13-yard catch provided a quick first down, but the Aggies let the clock run out when facing fourth-and-13 short of midfield — before Kennedy caught the quick strike in overtime.

"In order to win a game like that, it takes a complete team. Every phase had its poor moments in the first half. Offensively, we were a beat off. Defensively, we gave up some big plays, and special teams, we gave up a fake," coach Kevin Sumlin said. "Our defense stopped them not just in overtime, but on the last couple series."



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Texas A&M quarterback Kenny Hill passes under pressure from Arkansas linebacker Brooks Ellis (51) in the second half on Saturday in Arlington, Texas. The No. 6 Aggies won 35-28 in overtime.

On its overtime possession, Arkansas (3-2, 0-2) had fourth-and-1 when a handoff went to Alex Collins, who finished with 131 yards rushing. But Collins was stuffed at the line by Obioha, who was quickly joined by a swarm of Aggie defenders.

"I didn't do anything different. The running back bounced to my side," Obioha said.

Arkansas (3-2, 0-2), the only unranked team in the SEC West, has lost 14 consecutive conference games since 2012.

The Razorbacks had a touchdown pass in the second quarter wiped out by a holding call against Dan Skipper and a tripping penalty on Skipper in the final period erased a 55-yard run by Jonathan Williams to the Aggies 3.

The Razorbacks wound up punting after both penalties, the second leading to Pope's second TD catch, the 86-yarder that sparked the A&M comeback.

Punter Sam Irwin-Hill ran 51 yards for a tiebreaking touchdown on a fake punt and Brandon Allen turned a fake handoff into an easy scoring pass for the Razorbacks, who haven't beaten an SEC opponent since a 49-7 win over Kentucky on Oct. 13, 2012.

37 FORD YEARS F-SERIES
AMERICA'S BEST-SELLING TRUCK

- NEW! Made With Military-Grade Aluminum Alloy
- NEW! Second-generation 2.7L EcoBoost engine
- NEW! Available LED box light & LED spotlight mirrors
- NEW! Available 360° camera system

Exchange
Ford's Sales
Authorized Independent Distributor
The National Ford for Ford

Exchange New Car Sales:
Your Truck Stop for information on Pick-ups and SUVs

All programs and promotions are subject to terms and conditions. Visit www.ford.com or see your Sales Representative for complete details. All businesses and specifications are to the best of our knowledge correct as of the date of publication. They are subject to change made by the manufacturer and the laws or regulations of any federal, state or local government agency. Ford is an authorized contractor of the Exchange and NOT an authorized dealer for the Exchange. The advertisement does not constitute an offer of any financial product or service. Ford vehicles, the advertisement and the exchange are trademarks of Ford Motor Company. ©2014 Ford Motor Company. All rights reserved.

BUILT TOUGH

THE FUTURE OF TOUGH:
ALL NEW 2015 F-150
Custom Order Yours Today!

encs.com/fordtruckstop

NEX
X
EXCHANGE

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday's stars

■ Todd Gurley, Georgia, ran for a career-high 208 yards and two TDs to help the No. 12 Bulldogs bounce back from an early 10-0 deficit and hold off gritty Tennessee 35-32.

■ Jared Goff, California, threw for 449 yards and seven TDs in 59-56 double-overtime win over Colorado.

■ Sefo Lufua, Colorado, threw for 449 yards and seven TDs in a 59-56 double-overtime loss to California.

■ Deshaun Watson, Clemson, threw for 435 yards and set a school record with six TD passes in his first start to lead the Tigers to a 50-35 win over North Carolina.

■ Jameis Winston, Florida State, threw for 365 yards and four TDs in his return from a suspension, helping the top-ranked Seminoles rally from 17 down to beat North Carolina State 56-41.

■ J.T. Barrett, Ohio State, passed for 330 yards and four TDs to lead the No. 22 Buckeyes past Cincinnati 50-28.

■ Tyler Varga, Yale, ran for 185 yards and five TDs, including from 3 yards out in overtime in a 49-43 upset of Army in the renewal of a rivalry that dates back 121 years.

■ Mike Nebrich, Fordham, passed for 315 yards with four TDs and ran for another in a 45-16 win over Holy Cross.

■ James Knapke, Bowling Green, threw for 443 yards and three TDs in a 47-42 win over Massachusetts.

■ Trevone Boykin, TCU, accounted for six touchdowns and 347 yards as the Horned Frogs smothered struggling SMU 56-0.

■ Brandon Doughty, Western Kentucky, completed 38 of 54 passes for 387 yards with a pair of touchdowns in a 36-27 victory over Navy.

■ Khain Dickson, St. Francis (Pa.), ran 10 times for 157 yards and three TDs in an 80-0 rout of Virginia University of Lynchburg.



Ben Marolt/AP

California quarterback Jared Goff passes against Colorado during the first half Saturday in Berkeley, Calif. Goff threw for 449 yards and seven touchdowns in a 59-56 double overtime victory.

How the AP Top 25 fared

1 Florida State beat N.C. State 56-41. At Raleigh, N.C., Jameis Winston threw for 365 yards and four touchdowns in his return from a suspension, and the Seminoles rallied from 17 down. The Heisman Trophy winner directed four straight second-half touchdown drives to help the reigning national champions fight through and extend the nation's longest active winning streak to a program-record 20 games.

Next: vs. Wake Forest, Saturday.
2 Oregon (4-0) did not play. After a close call last week against Washington State, the Ducks spent the bye week letting new players get more reps in practice.

3 Alabama (4-0) Thursday. The Tide has never produced so many yards (2,377) through the first four games of a season, thanks to brass assistant Lane Kiffin.

Next: at No. 10 Mississippi, Saturday.
Oklahoma (4-0) did not play. The Sooners overcame their first deficit of the season last week to quiet a sellout crowd at West Virginia, and used the bye week to try to build on a solid start to the season.

Next: at TCU, Saturday.
5 Auburn beat Louisiana Tech 45-17. Nick Marshall threw three touchdown passes and rushed for 105 yards for Auburn. Quan Bay caught a 44-yard touchdown pass and returned a punt 76 yards for another quarter.

Next: vs. No. 17 LSU, Saturday.
6 Texas A&M 35, Arkansas 28, OT. At Arlington, Texas, Kenny Hill threw for 386 yards and four touchdowns, with a 25-yarder to Malcolm Kennedy on the first play of overtime, and the Aggies rallied from a two-touchdown deficit. The Aggies (5-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) trailed 28-14 going into the fourth quarter before Hill threw two long scoring passes.

7 Baylor beat Iowa State 49-28. At Ames, Iowa, Bryce Petty threw for 336 yards and a touchdown and ran for two scores in Baylor's Big 12 opener. Shook Linwood had three TDs rushing for the Bears (4-0, 1-0), who have started 4-0 in consecutive seasons for the first time in 76 years.

Next: at Texas, Saturday.
8 Notre Dame beat Syracuse 31-15. At East Rutherford, N.J., Everett Golson completed 25 straight passes to set a Notre Dame record and threw for four touchdowns. Golson also threw his first two interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown in the fourth quarter by Durrell Eskridge.

Next: vs. No. 16 Stanford, Saturday.
9 Michigan State beat Wyoming 56-14. The Spartans (3-1) settled for a rout of Wyoming, completing their most explosive first four games in school history with a 50.3-point average. Jeremy Langford rushed for 137 of the Spartans' 533 total yards, and Connor Cook was 6-for-8 through the air for 109 yards and two touchdowns, helping Michigan State score more than 50 points in back-to-back games for the first time since 1978.

Next: vs. No. 21 Nebraska, Saturday.
10 Mississippi beat Memphis, 24-3. The Rebels slogged through much of the night on offense and special teams, mixing bad plays with costly penalties. But the defense was exceptional, helping Memphis to just 104 total yards. Ole Miss led just 7-3 after three quarters but finally cut the mistakes and made some big plays. The Rebels (4-0) are undefeated through four games for the first time since 1970, but this one wasn't easy.

Next: vs. No. 3 Alabama, Saturday.
11 UCLA beat No. 15 Arizona State 62-27 Thursday. The Bruins turned a matchup of the past two Pac-12 Super champions into a rout, scoring 28 points during a 7-minute span of the second and third quarters.

Next: vs. Utah, Saturday

12 Georgia beat Tennessee 35-32. At Athens, Ga., Todd Gurley ran for a career-high 208 yards and two touchdowns, including a 51-yarder in the fourth quarter. The lackluster Bulldogs (3-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) struggled with the Volunteers (2-2, 0-1) for the second year in a row. Tennessee wouldn't quit, even after Jalen Hurd fumbled a handoff and Josh Dawson fell on it in the end zone for a Georgia touchdown.

Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Saturday.
13 South Carolina lost to Missouri, 21-20. Russell Hansbrough scored two of his three touchdowns in the final 7 minutes and Missouri rallied from 13 points down to beat the host Gamecocks (3-2, 2-2 SEC). Maty Mauk began the comeback with passes of 41 yards to Bud Sasser and 26 yards to Wesley Leftwich to South Carolina's 1 before Hansbrough drew them within a score.

Next: at Kentucky, Saturday.
14 Mississippi State (4-0) did not play. The Bulldogs jumped from an unranked program into The Associated Press poll with last week's upset over then-No. 8 LSU, and now have a signature win to back up their goal of competing for a title in the SEC's loaded Western Division.

Next: vs. No. 6 Texas A&M, Saturday.
15 Arizona State (3-1) lost to No. 11 UCLA 62-27, Thursday. Becrović showed flashes of brilliance in replacing injured starter Taylor Kelly, throwing for 488 yards and three touchdowns in his first start while setting school records with 42 completions on 68 attempts. He also displayed his penchant for turning the ball over, throwing two interceptions and losing a fumble that led to a UCLA touchdown. The combination sent the Sun Devils an ugly loss after three wins to start the season.

Next: at No. 18 Southern Cal, Saturday.

16 Stanford beat Washington 20-13. At Seattle, Kevin Hogan scored on a 5-yard run with 4:29 remaining, and Stanford took advantage of a poorly timed fake punt to hold off the Huskies. Hogan and the Cardinal (3-1, 1-1) avoided a potentially costly 0-2 start in Pac-12 play after already losing at home to Southern California.

Next: at No. 8 Notre Dame, Saturday.
17 LSU beat New Mexico State 63-7. Backup quarterback Brandon Harris led touchdown drives on each of his seven series in host LSU's victory. In vastly outplaying starter Anthony Jennings, Harris may have made himself a candidate to take over as the Tigers' No. 1 quarterback next week.

Next: at No. 5 Auburn, Saturday.
18 USC beat Oregon State 35-10. At Los Angeles, Cody Kessler passed for 261 yards and two touchdowns, and Su'a Cravens returned an interception 31 yards for another score. Darius Rogers caught a 48-yard Hail Mary touchdown pass at the halftime gun as the Trojans (3-1, 2-0 Pac-12) rebounded smartly from their first loss with solid defense and another stellar game from Kessler, who went 24-for-32 while leading a 461-yard offensive performance.

Next: vs. No. 15 Arizona State, Saturday.
19 Wisconsin beat South Florida, 27-10. Melvin Gordon rushed for 181 yards and two touchdowns, and host Wisconsin overcame a sluggish start. Gordon scored on carries of seven and 43 yards on the Badgers' first two drives of the second half after running room finally opened up for the star tailback.

Next: at Northwestern, Saturday.
20 BYU (4-0) did not play. The Cougars had a week off following their 41-33 comeback victory over Virginia last week.

Next: vs. Utah State, Friday.

21 Nebraska beat Illinois 45-14. Ameer Abdullah ran for 208 yards and three touchdowns, and Miami Cross added a career-high 109 yards and a score. The Cornhuskers (5-0, 1-0 Big Ten) are off to their best start since 2010.

Next: at No. 9 Michigan State, Saturday.

22 Ohio State beat Cincinnati 50-28. J.T. Barrett passed for 330 yards and four touchdowns and Ezekiel Elliott ran for 182 yards and a score to lead Ohio State past Gunner Kiel and Cincinnati. Kiel, the acclaimed passer for the Bearcats (2-1), completed 21 of 32 passes for 352 yards and four scores in a game of wild momentum swings before a stadium-record crowd of 108,362 at Columbus, Ohio.

Next: at Maryland, Saturday.

23 East Carolina (3-1) did not play. The Pirates joined the AP poll for the first time since 2008 after a record-setting 70-41 victory against North Carolina last week. ECU beat Atlantic Coast Conference teams two weeks straight after winning at Virginia Tech.

Next: vs. SMU, Saturday.
24 Oklahoma State (3-1) beat Texas Tech 45-35, Thursday. Daxx Garman threw for 370 yards and four touchdowns in his second start.

Next: vs. Iowa State, Saturday.
25 Kansas State beat UTEP 58-28. At Manhattan, Kan., Charles Jones ran for three touchdowns, Myler Lockett returned a punt for another score, and the Wildcats romped. DeMarcus Robinson and Jake Waters also had touchdown runs, and Waters threw for 209 yards and another score as the Wildcats (3-1) finished nonconference play. UTEP (2-2) managed one first down and 23 yards of offense in the first half.

Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.

MLB/GOLF



Jae C. Hong/AP

Press Mike Trout, pictured, Andrew McCutchen, or Bryce Harper on whether they're part of the group who will pick up where Jeter left off and they sound downright Jeteresque: professional and polite, even if their play screams they're more than ready to be the next chain in a link that stretches from Jeter to Cal Ripken Jr. to Mike Schmidt to Hank Aaron to Mickey Mantle and beyond.

Next: MLB's next generation of stars on deck

FROM BACK PAGE

"There will be a place that nobody will replace," Pittsburgh Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "But there will be another opportunity for someone in some other place."

Like say, Pittsburgh or Los Angeles or a dozen other cities where a new generation of stars are poised to grab the mantle Jeter so delicately curated during 21 regular seasons that brought MLB into the 21st century.

Not that the likely candidates want to talk about it.

Press Andrew McCutchen, Mike Trout or Bryce Harper on if they're part of the group who will pick up where Jeter left off and they sound downright Jeteresque: professional and polite, even if their play screams they're more than ready to be the next chain in a link that stretches from Jeter to Cal Ripken Jr. to Mike Schmidt to Hank Aaron to Mickey Mantle and beyond.

"It really doesn't matter," said McCutchen, the reigning National League MVP. "I'm just trying to do the right thing, play the game the right way. If somebody feels I should be in that category, so be it."

The 27-year-old center fielder has already accomplished something Jeter never struggled with: transforming a moribund franchise into a contender. His trademark dreadlocks a bobbing blur as he darts around the bases, McCutchen has guided the Pirates to a second consecutive playoff berth after two decades of losing.

It's a revolution that started on March 5, 2012, when he signed a contract extension that will keep him in black and gold through 2018. It didn't matter that the Pirates were coming off their seventh straight 90-loss season. McCutchen saw a bright future where others saw a lost cause.

Now the Pirates are heading to the playoffs yet again led by an intense, charismatic and eminently talented player who has become the biggest star in a city where Sidney Crosby, Ben Roethlisberger and Troy Polamalu also work.

Jeter, though, has five World Series rings tucked away somewhere while McCutchen's fingers are currently bare save for his wedding band.

And maybe that's why it could take a handful of players to move the sport forward, rather than just one. Jeter became Jeter in October.

"He became the face for his World Series and his postseason numbers," Oakland outfielder Jonny Gomes said. "He earned it."

Want to become the face of the game? Do it when the spotlight shines brightest.

"If Mike Trout wins the World Series this year, I think he goes to the top of the list," Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira said. "I think you could say the same with Andrew McCutchen. There are some great young players that are going to be around for a long time."

San Francisco catcher Buster Posey already has a pair of titles but also spends three hours a night working behind a mask, not the best way to raise your Q-rating. Perhaps the new face plays in a different part of California, where the unapologetically precocious Trout is the relentless turbine on a Los Angeles Angels team that includes Albert Pujols and Josh Hamilton.

"Talking to other managers, no doubt Mike's the MVP of our league, but the best player in our league," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

Whether Trout is the best player within a 30-mile radius of his home ballpark is another matter.

The scruffy 26-year-old Clayton Kershaw has baseball's second-most popular jersey behind Jeter and is the favorite to become the first NL pitcher since Bob Gibson in 1968 to win the league's MVP award.

Dodgers teammate Yasiel Puig may join the group too, provided the dynamic Cuban-born outfielder can reinvent himself in, both on the diamond and off.

Hailed as the baseball version of LeBron James on the cover of Sports Illustrated as a 16-year-old, Washington Nationals outfielder Bryce Harper lacks Jeter's polish. Talent, Harper's got.

Harper called Jeter "irreplaceable," and the 21-year-old said he doesn't spend a lot of time worrying about his place in MLB's hierarchy.

"That should be left up to what fans think or how they feel or who... little kids want to look at and how they want to go about having a hero and what they think the game should be like or how it should be played," he said. "If that's some guy in this league, we'll let fans figure that out."

One that will be figured out after Jeter's gone.

"Obviously he's going to be missed but he's not the face of baseball," said Pirates catcher Russell Martin, who spent two years playing alongside Jeter. "The game is going to keep going on after he plays. No matter who you are as a person, the game is going to keep evolving, hopefully in the right direction."

One that will be steered by the next wave as Jeter waves goodbye.

Europe wins third straight Ryder Cup

Americans fall short for eighth time in past 10

By DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

GLENEAGLES, Scotland — Europe added another layer of Ryder Cup dominance on Sunday behind Rory McIlroy's big start, two big rallies and a rookie who hit the shot of his life to give this performance a finish it deserved.

Jamie Donaldson, unaware he already had done enough to retain the Ryder Cup, hit a 9-iron that settled 2 feet from the cup on the 15th hole. Keegan Bradley walked onto the green, saw Donaldson's ball next to the hole, removed his cap and conceded the birdie.

And the celebration was on. The result in the record book was Europe 16½, United States 11½. It's an old story for the Americans.

Europe won for third straight time, and now has won eight of the last 10.

"It came down to me to close it out, but it's all about the team," Donaldson said. "Everyone played their heart out to retain the Ryder Cup. And that's what it's all about."

McIlroy, Graeme McDowell and Justin Rose made sure the Americans would not get their redemption from the meltdown at Medinah two years ago as the first team to blow a four-point lead at home.

McIlroy was 6-under par on his first six holes and announced Rickie Fowler to set the tone. The Americans put plenty of red on the board early, just not for long. McDowell was 3-down after five holes and Rose was four behind after six holes. McDowell rallied to beat Jordan Spieth, while Rose earned a halve against Hunter Mahan.

Martin Watson, who holed the winning point at Medinah, put Europe on the cusp of victory when he chipped in for eagle on the 16th to beat Bubba Watson.

That set the stage for Donaldson.

"The shot of my life," he called it.

The Americans still can't figure out this exhibition of team play.

They even brought back Tom Watson, at 65 the oldest captain in Ryder Cup history and the last American captain to win on European soil. Watson made a series of questionable moves during team play and the Americans didn't have much hope on Sunday.

Watson attributed the loss to foursomes — Europe was unbeaten in both sessions and collected seven of the eight points — though McGinley wrote that off as a fluke. Asked what he would tell his team in a final meeting, Watson said,



Matt Dunham/AP

Europe's Jamie Donaldson drinks from a champagne bottle to celebrate his singles match to win the 2014 Ryder Cup tournament at Gleneagles, Scotland on Sunday.

Scoreboard

Ryder Cup Results (PGA Centenary Course) Gleneagles, Scotland Vardage: 7,243; Par: 72	
EUROPE 16½, UNITED STATES 11½	Sunday Singles
Europe 6½, United States 5½	
Graeme McDowell, Europe, def. Jordan Spieth, United States, 2 and 1.	
Patrick Reed, United States, def. Henrik Stenson, Europe, 1 up.	
Rory McIlroy, Europe, def. Rickie Fowler, United States, 5 and 4.	
Justin Rose, Europe, halved with Hunter Mahan, United States.	
Phil Mickelson, United States, def. Stephen Gallacher, Europe, 3 and 1.	
Martin Kayrie, Europe, def. Bubba Watson, United States, 4 and 2.	
Matt Kuchar, United States, def. Thomas Bjorn, Europe, 4 and 3.	
Sergio Garcia, Europe, def. Jim Furyk, United States, 1 up.	
Webb Simpson, United States, halved with Ian Poulter, Europe.	
Jamie Donaldson, Europe, def. Keegan Bradley, United States, 3 and 2.	
Jimmy Walker, Europe, def. Lee Westwood, Europe, 3 and 2.	
Zach Johnson, United States, halved with Victor Dubuisson, Europe.	

"You played your best, but it wasn't enough. You've got to find out what it takes a little better."

Watson sure didn't find it.

Except for a victory at Valhalla behind captain Paul Azinger in 2008, the Americans haven't solved this Ryder Cup puzzle.

Phil Mickelson, on the bench for both sessions Saturday, finished off a 2-1 week by beating Stephen Gallacher. Asked about the future of the Ryder Cup, Mickelson went back to that last U.S. victory.

"We had a great format in '08, and I don't know why we strayed from it," Mickelson said. "What Zinger did was really a good format. Maybe we should revive that."

Azinger has said that Watson never asked him about his "pod" system in which the U.S. team was broken into three groups of four players and stuck together the entire week.

MLB

Mariners stay alive for AL wild card

By DAIMON EKLUND
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Even after he'd hustled down the line, heard the umpire's call and kept the Seattle Mariners in the playoff race, Austin Jackson couldn't believe it. Jackson barely beat a double-play relay in the 11th inning as the winning run scored, sending the Mariners over the Los Angeles Angels 2-1 Saturday night and forcing the AL wild-card chase to the final day.

"It felt like I really can't explain it," Jackson said. "It really didn't set in even when he said, 'safe.' It was such a long game, and we had a lot of opportunities."

The Mariners moved within one game of Oakland for the second AL wild-card spot. The A's lost 5-4 at Texas.

Seattle ace Felix Hernandez will start against the AL West champion Angels on Sunday, the last scheduled day of the regular season.

Jackson had failed to convert several opportunities earlier in the game, twice making the third out in innings when Seattle stranded runners on third.

Brad Miller hit a one-out double in the Seattle 11th off Mike Morin (4-4) and Chris Taylor's short fly to center fell in for a single, sending Miller to third and giving Jackson another chance.

Jackson hit a grounder to second baseman Grant Green with the Angels playing five fielders in a drawn-in infield.

"Luckily, I was able to make contact and run as hard as I could," Jackson said. "I kind of wanted to dive at the base and grab it."

Mariners manager Lloyd McClendon could do nothing but watch.

"It felt like that play took about an hour and a half," McClendon said. "I think my heart stopped maybe two or three times."

Green seemed to think about



TED S. WARREN/AP

Seattle's Brad Miller celebrates after he scored the winning run in the 11th inning against the Los Angeles Angels on Saturday at Safeco Field in Seattle. The Mariners won 2-1.

throwing home for a split second before trying for the double play.

"He was a little bit indecisive," Los Angeles manager Mike Scioscia said. "I don't think you really have time to second-guess yourself and that's kind of what he did there."

The Angels got the forceout at second. But the relay from Shawn O'Malley, who'd moved in from left field to near the bag, was a shade late as the speedy Jackson crossed.

Miller raised his arms as he scored the winning run, giving the Mariners a shot at the post-season going into the season's final day.

"We've got to go out and just play with the same energy we did today," Miller said. "We've got the best guy in the league on the mound tomorrow, so we've got to take care of our business, but that's where you want to be."

Dominic Leone (8-2) pitched the 11th to earn the win.

Seattle entered the game needing to win its final two games and Oakland to lose its final two in order to tie for the second AL wild-card spot and force a one-game playoff at home Monday.

"We've got to hope Oakland loses," McClendon said. "But we're playing a meaningful game at 162, and I think that speaks volumes about this organization, and about this club and the direction we've headed."

The Athletics' loss in Texas finished at nearly the same moment as Seattle tied the game at 1 on Logan Morrison's RBI double in the seventh. Morrison struck out on third when Jackson stranded out the end of the inning.

Seattle had the bases loaded with no outs in the bottom of the ninth on Los Angeles reliever Jason Grilli and couldn't get a run across.

Grilli struck out Miller and Taylor before getting Jackson to fly out and send the game to extra innings.

C.J. Cron drove in the Angels' run in the second when his grounder bounced off the mitt of diving third baseman Kyle Seager for an RBI single.

The Angels, who clinched home-field advantage in the playoffs Friday, pulled most of their regulars in the seventh and eighth innings.



AL BEHRMAN/AP

The Cincinnati Reds' Todd Frazier hits a game-tying, two-run home run off Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher John Holdzkom in the seventh inning Saturday in Cincinnati. The Reds won 10-6 in 10 innings.

Roundup

Reds deal Pirates blow in race for NL Central crown

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — After a sizzling surge toward the top, Pittsburgh lost one that it really could have used for a shot at the title.

The Pirates' NL Central chances suffered a setback when Todd Frazier had a tying two-run homer in the seventh inning and Ramon Santiago hit a grand slam in the 10th, powering Cincinnati to a 10-6 win on Saturday.

Pittsburgh started the day a game behind first-place St. Louis, who lost at Arizona 5-2, and could have pulled into a tie with a win. Instead, it comes down to the final day of the regular season on Sunday. Even if they fail to win the division title, the Pirates have already clinched a wild card and would host that game on Wednesday.

The Pirates will either host the Giants in the wild card game, with the winner facing the Nationals, or open the division series at the Dodgers on Friday.

Jordy Mercer homered, and Neil Walker drove in three runs with a bases-loaded single and a triple as the Pirates pulled ahead 6-4 but couldn't hold on.

John Axford (0-1) walked Frazier to open the 10th and gave up Chris Heisey's single and another walk with one out. Left-hander Bobby LaFromboise relieved, retired Bryan Pena on a shallow fly out, then gave up Santiago's first career grand slam.

Dylan Axelrod (2-1) retired the side in the top of the 10th to earn the victory.

Diamondbacks 5, Cardinals 2: Mark Trumbo homered twice as host Arizona prevented St. Louis from clinching the NL Central championship. Trumbo's three-run shot off Seth Maness (6-4) broke a 2-2 tie in the seventh inning. Trumbo hit a solo drive in the first in his second multi-homer game in six days. David Peralta also had a solo shot in the first.

Twins 12, Tigers 3: Eduardo Escobar had a homer, four hits and a career-high six RBIs as visiting Minnesota ensured that the AL Central race would come down to the very end with a rout of Detroit. The Tigers entered with a one-game lead over second-place Kansas City, but the Tigers and Royals both lost Saturday.

White Sox 5, Royals 4: Jose Abreu hit a two-run homer as host Chicago kept Kansas City out of first place in the AL Central, which had clinched at least a wild card spot on Friday.

Rangers 5, Athletics 4: Visiting Oakland stalled in its bid to clinch an AL wild-card spot, losing to last-place Texas on home runs by Jake Smolinski and Robinson Chirinos.

Red Sox 10, Yankees 4: Boston chased Masahiro Tanaka during an eight-run second inning that backed Jose Kelly as the Red Sox beat visiting New York. Derek Jeter went 1 for 2 with an infield single and left for a pinch hitter in the fifth inning.

Blue Jays 4, Orioles 2: Jose Reyes had two hits and two RBIs and J.A. Happ won consecutive

starts for the first time since late May as host Toronto beat AL East champion Baltimore.

Nationals 5, Marlins 1: Stephen Strasburg took over the league lead in strikeouts and gave up only two hits through six scoreless innings in his final tuneup ahead of his first postseason, helping NL East champion Washington beat visiting Miami.

Dodgers 6, Rockies 5 (12): Scott Van Slyke scored the winning run on Franklin Morales' wild pitch in the 12th inning for host Los Angeles.

Giants 3, Padres 1: Brandon Crawford hit a two-run single with two outs in the eighth inning, leading host San Francisco to San Diego.

Mets 2, Astros 1: Lucas Duda hit a two-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, rallying host New York by Houston.

Rays 2, Indians 0: Alex Colome and three relievers combined on a five-hitter as Tampa Bay blanked host Cleveland. Indians All-Star left fielder Michael Brantley had his 200th hit of the season with a fourth-inning single.

Braves 4, Phillies 2: Brothers B.J. and Justin Upton each homered and Atlanta held on for a victory over host Philadelphia.

Brewers 2, Cubs 1: Jonathan Lucroy set a major-league record for doubles in a season by a catcher and Francisco Rodriguez moved into 10th place on baseball's career saves list in Milwaukee's win over host Chicago.

Scoreboard

FROM PAGE 30

Blue Jays 4, Orioles 2

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Acasali 3b	2b	4	0	0	Reyes ss	3	1	2	2
Pearce rf	4b	1	0	0	Buttitt rf	4	0	0	0
Ajones cf	3	1	1	0	Gose cf	0	0	0	0
N Cruz dh	4	1	0	0	Encrnc dh	4	0	0	0
Wright 1b	2	1	1	0	Pelenc 2b	0	0	0	0
Paredes ph	1	0	0	0	DMary c	4	0	1	0
Jarday ss	2	0	0	0	Murry 1b	3	0	0	0
Wright 1b	2	0	0	0	Pettit cf	3	0	0	0
Cleung ph	0	0	0	0	Pillar lf	3	2	2	0
Stump 2b	0	0	0	0	Stump 2b	0	0	0	0
Cloppch 2b	0	0	0	0	Goinz 2b	0	0	0	0
Wright 1b	2	0	0	0					
Klump 3b	3	0	0	0					
Totals	29	2	4	2	Totals	30	4	6	2
					0-2	0-10	10x-4		
(1).	DP—Toronto 2, LOB—Baltimore 4.				(1).	DP—Toronto 2, LOB—Baltimore 4.			
(2).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(2).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(3).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(3).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(4).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(4).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(5).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(5).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(6).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(6).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(7).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(7).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(8).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(8).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(9).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(9).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(10).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(10).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(11).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(11).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(12).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(12).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(13).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(13).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(14).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(14).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(15).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(15).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(16).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(16).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(17).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(17).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(18).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(18).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(19).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(19).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(20).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(20).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(21).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(21).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(22).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(22).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(23).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(23).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(24).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(24).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(25).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(25).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(26).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(26).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(27).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(27).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(28).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(28).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(29).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(29).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(30).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(30).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(31).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(31).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(32).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(32).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(33).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(33).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(34).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(34).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(35).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(35).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(36).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(36).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(37).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(37).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(38).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(38).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(39).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(39).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(40).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(40).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(41).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(41).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(42).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(42).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(43).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(43).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(44).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(44).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(45).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(45).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(46).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(46).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(47).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(47).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(48).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(48).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(49).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(49).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(50).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(50).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(51).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(51).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(52).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(52).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(53).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(53).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(54).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(54).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(55).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(55).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(56).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(56).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(57).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(57).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(58).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(58).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(59).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(59).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(60).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(60).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(61).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(61).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(62).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(62).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(63).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(63).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(64).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(64).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(65).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(65).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(66).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(66).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(67).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(67).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(68).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(68).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(69).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(69).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(70).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(70).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(71).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(71).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(72).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(72).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(73).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(73).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(74).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(74).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(75).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(75).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(76).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(76).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(77).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(77).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(78).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(78).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(79).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(79).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(80).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(80).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(81).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(81).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(82).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(82).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(83).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(83).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(84).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(84).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(85).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(85).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(86).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(86).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			
(87).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).				(87).	St. Louis (79), SF—Valencia (1).			

Baltimore	W	H	R	ER	B	BB	SO
Wichem L16-6	6	5	3	2	1	3	0
Wichem L16-6	6	5	3	2	1	3	0
Z Britton	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Z Britton	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wichem L16-6	6	5	4	2	2	2	4
Wichem L16-6	6	5	4	2	2	2	4
Asa Sanchez 7f	15	0	0	0	0	2	1
Asa Sanchez 7f	15	0	0	0	0	2	1
Jameson S 25-0	37	96	37	96	37	96	37
Jameson S 25-0	37	96	37	96	37	96	37

SPORTS



Easy Ryder

McIlroy sets tone as Europeans cruise to third straight Ryder Cup | **Page 29**

MLB

Who's next?

New generation of stars emerging as Jeter departs

BY WILL GRAVES
The Associated Press

Derek Jeter will walk off the baseball field for the final time as a player this weekend, taking his mystique, his iconic No. 2 jersey and a fistful of World Series rings along with him.

For the better part of two decades the New York Yankees great graciously accepted the role as the face of Major League Baseball. Scandal came and went. Dynasties rose and fell.

‘There will be a void that nobody will replace, but there will be another opportunity for someone in some other place.’

Clint Hurdle
Pirates manager

Yet Jeter remained. Through Barry Bonds and A-Rod. Through Roger Clemens and Ryan Braun. Through milestones and slumps. Through the Mitchell Report. Through spring trainings and October after October (and in one memorable case, November).

When he quietly slips out of the visiting clubhouse at Fenway Park and into history, the Yankees will lose more than their captain. The game will lose a Hall of Famer between the lines and an eloquent ambassador for the sport outside them.

SEE NEXT ON PAGE 29

With the retirement of Yankees' shortstop Derek Jeter, left, Major League Baseball needs a new generation of stars, led by the likes of the Pirates' Andrew McCutchen, center, and the Nationals' Bryce Harper, right, to emerge and seize the mantle of 'the face of baseball' that Jeter is leaving behind.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SEAN VENABLES/Stars and Stripes

Tigers stage rally in 4th to upset No. 13 Gamecocks | **College football, Pages 26-28**

Mariners win in extra innings to keep wild card hopes alive | **MLB, Page 31**

